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PART I

SHORT SERVICES FOR EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY. A Service of Joy.

MEDITATION.—St. Luke xv. 11–24, or Romans viii. 31–39, or 1 John iv. 7–10.

Grace and Peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

THANKSGIVING.

Let us give thanks unto him who is the source of all goodness and mercy, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for he hath sheltered us, he hath succoured us, he hath kept us, he hath redeemed us unto himself, he hath spared us, he hath helped us and brought us unto this hour. Let us, therefore, pray to him that he keep us in this holy day and all the days of our life, the Almighty Lord our God.

O Father in heaven, from whose love comes down all we love, we come before thee with hearts made glad by thee; make us ready to offer thee the joy that is thy gift and to worship thee with praises as unwearied as thy goodness.

For the rest and peace of this thy holy day, when we may turn aside to thee awhile and, remembering all thy mercies, seek thy Face,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For thy love bestowed upon us in our family and home, and in all we love best,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For thy care towards us received through friends and all who have been kind to us,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For thy guidance and watchfulness over us in giving us teachers and books, in guarding us through our life at school and college and in inspiring us through men and women,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For thy gifts of leisure, opportunity and freedom from anxiety so freely bestowed upon us in our student days,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For thy grace in tempering for us the assaults of temptation and freeing our hearts from false ambitions,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For thy gifts to us in the Church, the Bible, the Sacraments and all other means of grace,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the peace which comes through fuller understanding of thy wisdom and quiet acceptance of thy will, and for the joy that comes through well-doing,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For thy beauty and refreshing mercy in the loveliness of nature and the handiwork of man,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the revelation of thyself in Christ Jesus and for the sending of his Spirit into our hearts whereby we know thy Fatherhood and long to be transformed into his likeness,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the ties that bind us to the unseen world and

for the faith that brightens the saddest moments of life with the light of an eternal hope,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For all the things which are making us happy at this time,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For these and all thine other benefits which we cannot trace or fathom, we give thee most humble and hearty thanks, O Father in heaven. *Amen.*

Penitence.

O Father, thou hast given to me the portion which falleth to me of thy bounty. Thou didst divide to me thy very life though I was but a younger son, and all thy love was my inheritance.

And yet I have left my home and wasted my inheritance which thou gavest me. I have devoured my substance in a far country.

And now, O Father, I come to myself—I perish with hunger—I will arise and say to thee:

I am no longer worthy to be called thy son, yet make me thy servant; feed me and send me not away, but suffer me, I beseech thee, to stay in the household of thy love, for thy mercy's sake. *Amen.*

[Here may follow such prayers and intercessions as the Reader thinks fit.]

A Prayer for a Thankful Spirit.

Gracious God, who hast taught us that it is a joyful and pleasant thing to be thankful; give us grace, we beseech thee, to be truly and sincerely thankful for

all thy mercies bestowed on us, and grant that we may use all thy gifts to set forth thy glory and set forward our own salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Love of God.

O God, the God of all goodness and of all grace, who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand; fill our hearts, we beseech thee, with such love toward thee that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer in obedience to thy will; and grant that thus loving thee, we may become daily more like unto thee, and finally obtain the crown of life which thou hast promised to those that love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace of God which passeth all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us and remain with us always. *Amen.*

MONDAY. Christian Discipleship.

MEDITATION.—Philippians iii. 7–16, or Ephesians vi. 10–20, or 2 Corinthians iv. 15–18.

THANKSGIVING.

O Lord of hosts, who hast given us our station and our weapons in thine army for the warfare of this life, setting comrades beside us and sending Jesus Christ before us, make us to feel the glory and strength of thy victorious advance and to hear the triumph song where Christ marches at the head of his saints, conquering and to conquer.

For the gift of life,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For our work and play that fit us for thy service,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the inspiration which comes through failure, and the encouragement of effort and success,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the vision of thy purpose and for thy promise of daily strength and wisdom in seeking to fulfil it,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For those who have gone up with high hope and good courage to thy battle,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For those who have triumphed, passing through great distress and dreary places to the victory,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For all who on earth have remembered their citizenship in heaven and reached the home which thou hast prepared for them that love thee,

We thank thee, O Lord.

Penitence.

O Lord, who hast blessed us with the privilege of service, and called us to hear thy commands and to follow thy Son; we have been cowardly and careless in the use of thy weapons, we have been slack against sin, and often grown weary of our warfare and laid down our arms.

We have no right to be of the goodly fellowship of thy tried veterans, we cannot yet march with their sure tread, nor fight with their blithe confidence.

But let us continue in thy host, though but lagging in the rear, till by the discipline of thy training and the inspiration of thy leadership, and our comradeship with thy saints, we come to make good soldiers under thy banner which goes before us into victory: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Petition.

From all listlessness and sloth, which spoil our work and prayer, and hold us back from thee,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From depression and disloyalty; from impatient questionings of thy goodness; from sullen murmuring at thy commands,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From dullness of vision; from dryness of spirit; from lack of graciousness in conduct,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From surrender of hope and aspiration; from drifting, and contentment with things as they are,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From absorption in the routine of life; from misuse of thy gifts; from deafness to thy calls,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From self-conceit and self-consciousness; from restlessness and rebellion,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From readiness in taking offence and carelessness in causing it,

Deliver us, good Lord.

Grant unto us, O Lord, the power to appreciate all good things and men,

Grant us, we beseech thee.

Increase of faith in thee and in our fellows,

Grant us, we beseech thee.

Willingness to work for others and with them,

Grant us, we beseech thee.

Readiness to keep silent before thee and to wait upon thy word,

Grant us, we beseech thee.

Clear guidance as to what we should do and when we should do it,

Grant us, we beseech thee.

Patience in time of doubt and growth in the knowledge of thy truth,

Grant us, we beseech thee.

A Prayer for the Spirit of Sacrifice.

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will. *Amen.*

Now the God of all grace who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that we have suffered awhile, make us perfect, stablish and strengthen us. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

TUESDAY. The Life of the Community.

MEDITATION.—St. Luke xiv. 16–24, or 1 Corinthians xii. 12–27, or Ephesians iv. 11–16.

THANKSGIVING.

O Lord, who hast set mankind in families and nations, binding us by ties of race and ancestry, and enriching us with common possessions and traditions, unite us in gratitude, and loyalty to thee.

For the rich gifts that thou hast offered us in times of peace, for social intercourse, industrial co-operation and mutual help,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the leisure which allows us to enjoy music and art and literature,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For just government, for law and order, and for all good traditions in our social and business life,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For our national institutions for the promotion of health and education, the relief of want, the restraint of evil, and the assistance of the weak,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the increase of social sympathy among us, the growing indignation against wrong-doing and oppression, the new discontent with needless suffering and disease,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For all honest public service for the good of the community,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the promise of the coming of thy Kingdom, and the joy of working for it with our fellow-men,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For all who have been leaders and pioneers, and for all men and women who have been faithful in the daily work of life,

We thank thee, O Lord.

Penitence.

King of men and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast made a great marriage feast for thy Son and sent forth thy servants to call us that are bidden to it.

We have refused to come. Thou sendest again and again and hast made all things ready. We have made light of thy call and gone our ways and even hurt thy servants.

We that are bidden are not worthy; yet be not very wroth; destroy us not, but send forth thy servants yet again to call us as well as others to the feast.

And grant that we, repenting and turning, the one from his ease, the other from his business, may yet be found by them in the highways and constrained to come into that great supper of the Lamb. *Amen.*

Petition.

From deafness to thy call and pre-occupation with self-chosen ends,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From slackness in seeking thy will for ourselves and others,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From self-seeking and indifference to others in the work of earning a living,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From conformity to the world, and contentment with less than the best,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From neglect to hallow the common life of business,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From pride of class or race, from carelessness of speech and action, and from all contempt of others,

Deliver us, good Lord.

That a wise and humble spirit may prevail in Parliament and all our councils; that those who bear rule may be delivered from unscrupulous ambition, selfish rivalries and false judgments,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

That our soldiers and sailors may be defended amid the dangers and temptations of their calling, and that the nations may live together in peace and charity,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

That parents may train up their children in right ways; and that children may be taught to face and grapple with the evil that is in the world, and grow up a generation to love and praise thee,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

That men of wealth and ease may not miss the true end of life; that men of poor and humble lot may keep their self-respect and be preserved from misery and bitterness of soul,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

That social life and industry may be so ordered that one man's good may not be another man's hurt, and that all may have their fair share of wealth and freedom,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

That men and women may eagerly respond to every call to sacrifice and service, so that the ends of the earth may see thy salvation,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For Our Nation and Empire.

O God, who hast called our nation to a place of trust and responsibility throughout the world, we humbly thank thee for all the ways in which thou hast blessed and guided us unto this day. We confess before thee, with shame, all that has been evil in our history, and all that even now makes us unworthy to be called a Christian nation. Take from us, we pray thee, all pride and greed and injustice, and grant to us the spirit of unselfish service which alone can make us great. And may the love of Christ be so truly shown forth among us that his Name may be glorified among all nations; through the same Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Discipleship.

O God, who hast in thy great wisdom prepared for each one of us our task to do for thee, give us, we beseech thee, honesty and patience, that we may seek to know thy will for ourselves, and may dedicate our lives to serve thee where we are needed. Enlighten the perplexed, strengthen the faint-hearted, rouse the indifferent, and kindle in us all the fire of true devotion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Unto the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY. The Work and Worship of the Church.

MEDITATION.—St. Luke xiii. 6–9, or Isaiah v. 1–7, or Hebrews xi. 32–xii. 2.

THANKSGIVING.

O Lord of the vineyard, who hast made this earth the soil for souls and set them here to be trained and watered and fed with thy grace that they may bear fruit in this life and finally be worthy to be transplanted to thy paradise,

We praise and glorify thy holy Name.

For thy Church, the pillar and ground of the truth, the mother of saints in all ages and all lands,

We praise and glorify thy holy Name.

For the great cloud of witnesses with which we are encompassed, the noble army of martyrs, the goodly company of the prophets, and all holy and humble men of heart,

We praise and glorify thy holy Name.

For our fellowship in so great a society, especially for the clear souls through whom we have seen the light and all the Christlike men and women we have known,

We praise and glorify thy holy Name.

For the goodly heritage thou hast given us, for all opportunities of work and worship in thy Church, for the Sacraments and all means of grace, by which our bodies are made temples of thy Spirit and our minds instruments of thy truth,

We praise and glorify thy holy Name.

That thou hast ordered men to be stewards of thy mysteries and ministers of thy gospel,

We praise and glorify thy holy Name.

That thou hast called us all to be kings and priests in the Kingdom of thy Son,

We praise and glorify thy holy Name.

That thou hast in our day kindled in our hearts a longing for the unity of thy Church and a hope of its accomplishment,

We praise and glorify thy holy Name.

Penitence.

O Lord, who hast planted us in thy vineyard and fenced us about with a guarding wall, and given husbandmen to care for us. We have not repaid thy tending; thou comest to us seeking fruit—and findest none. We are barren and do but cumber the ground.

But, O Lord, suffer us yet awhile—continue unto us thy care and nourishment. And then, O Lord, make us truly fruitful, let us yield thee some faithful recompense for all the pains thou hast bestowed upon us. *Amen.*

Petition.

From all slighting of thy love and neglect of thy benefits offered us freely in Christ Jesus,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From half-hearted following of our Master and want of power and conviction in our preaching,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From all coldness and indifference towards the

missionary work of thy Church; and from lack of sympathy and prayer for those without the Gospel of Christ,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From sentimentality and insincerity in worship, from lack of zeal for truth, and from trifling with our own souls or those of others,

Deliver us, good Lord.

Intercession.

That amid the change and unrest of the present time, the Church may be cleansed and renewed by thy Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

That the Church may take its full share in all efforts for social reform, for the healing of the sick, the clothing of the naked, the feeding of the hungry,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

That the Church may be freed from prejudice and fear in its attitude towards Labour and the Women's Movement,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

That the Church may be zealous in labouring for the removal of oppression and injustice and the promotion of righteousness and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

That the Church may take its place in all national movements, so that the Name which is above every name may be known and magnified throughout the earth,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For those who lead the thought and action of thy

Church that thou wouldest give them hearts and minds open to thy guidance,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For the Church Universal.

Gracious Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth; in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, rectify it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it, O thou holy One of Israel, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Now unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

THURSDAY. The Growth and Progress of the Kingdom.

MEDITATION.—St. Mark iv. 3–9, 26–32, or Isaiah lxi. 1–4, or St. Matthew xxv. 14–30, or xxv. 31–46.

THANKSGIVING.

O Lord, who hast set before us a great hope that thy Kingdom shall come on earth, and hast taught us to pray for its coming, make us ever ready to thank thee for the signs of its dawning, and to pray and work for the perfect day when thy will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.

For the work of thy Spirit within and beyond the bounds of thy visible Church,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the work of thy Spirit in the history of the world before Christ, through peaceful advance, and through pain and tumult and war,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the work of thy Spirit in the history of our own country, through its heroes and leaders, in statecraft, law, and industry.

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the work of thy Spirit in science and commerce, in literature and art,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the work of thy Spirit in the growing desire for

true brotherhood between men of every class and nation,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the work of thy Spirit in the spread of education and the development of a fuller life for individuals, with healthier surroundings and better conditions,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the work of thy Spirit in the deepening sense of human worth in all nations and classes and in the growing reverence for womanhood and childhood,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the work of thy Spirit in the Church impelling us to spread the Gospel through the whole world,

We thank thee, O Lord.

Penitence.

O Lord of the seed, who hast sown the word of thy gospel in the field of the world, we too have received it, yet we have hindered its growth, and checked thy good purpose in our own souls and in those of others. Forgive us, O Lord, if we have allowed the great hope to be snatched from us, if we have not given it root and enduring nourishment in our hearts, or have let it be choked with the cares of life, the riches of this world and the lusts of the flesh. We beseech thee, O Lord, make us like unto all those who in an honest and good heart having received the Word, keep it and bring forth fruit with patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our blindness in not seeing, our lack of charity in

not acknowledging the work of God wherever it is leavening human life,

O Lord, forgive.

Our carelessness and apathy towards the desires and needs of others,

O Lord, forgive.

Our lack of faith in thy power to control humanity, to guide it to thine ends, and our impatience with thee because of the present imperfection of the world,

O Lord, forgive.

Our failure to use our own liberty and education and possessions so as to inspire in others the right use of their endowments,

O Lord, forgive.

Our failure to love and serve the men and women working for good causes other than our own,

O Lord, forgive.

Petition.

From inability to see the devotion of Jesus Christ to the vision of the Kingdom and failure to follow the example of his obedience,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From refusal to believe that thou mayest call us to a small work, and from the pride which prevents us from bringing into it the light of a great vision,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From hardness and shallowness in our relations with our fellow-men and all loveless dealings with the brother for whom Christ died,

Deliver us, good Lord.

Intercession.

Father of men, grant that men everywhere may come to realize that the one solution of international rivalries and the one guarantee of abiding peace is in obedience to thy Will and in following the mind of Christ.

Grant that the Church may with united voice throughout the world acclaim him Master and Guide in every sphere of life and thought and action.

Strengthen the League of Nations and all international societies which are hastening the coming of his Kingdom on earth.

Enable the Student Christian Movement in the colleges and among the nations to set forth Jesus Christ so that all men and women may acknowledge their need of him and enter into the service of his Kingdom.

O Father of light and God of all truth, purge the whole world from all errors, abuses, corruptions and sins. Beat down the standard of Satan, and set up everywhere the standard of Christ. Abolish the reign of sin, and establish the Kingdom of grace in all hearts. Let humility triumph over pride and ambition; charity over hatred, envy and malice; purity and self-control over lust and excess; meekness over passion; and disinterest and poverty of spirit over covetousness and the love of this world. Let the Gospel of Christ in faith and practice prevail

throughout the world, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. *Amen.*

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, of thy Goodness give us, with thy Love inspire us, by thy Spirit guide us, by thy Power protect us and in thy Mercy receive us now and always. *Amen.*

FRIDAY. The Sufferings of Christ and of Men.

MEDITATION.—Isaiah lii. 13–liii. 12 (R.V.), or Philippians ii. 5–8, or St. Mark viii. 31–38, or x. 32–45, or xiv. 32–xv. 41, or 2 Corinthians iv. 7–11.

THANKSGIVING.

O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst send thy Son to suffer and die for us on this earth, a gracious gift to the ungrateful race of men, make us truly and sincerely thankful for this and for all thine other benefits.

For thy long-suffering with the sins and sorrows of men from the beginning even until now,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the sufferings of Christ in the flesh and his intercession for mankind in glory,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the redemption of the world through the shame of the Cross and the pain of the Passion,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For all who have filled up the sufferings of Christ in their own bodies for love of him and of their fellow-men,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For martyrs and confessors, for all who have chosen poverty or solitude for thy sake, for all men of prayer, and for all saints in common life,

We thank thee, O Lord

For all suffering dared and endured for noble ends, and for all pain bravely borne and turned to patience of character and purity of life,

We thank thee, O Lord.

Penitence.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake didst undergo want and shame and pain, we confess most humbly that we have refused to share the burden of thy cross, that we have denied thee rather than face mockery, and have sought comfort and security. Forgive our sin, help us to amend, and give us courage to endure. *Amen.*

Petition.

From all misunderstanding of thy purpose in pain, from complaint of thy indifference to our sorrow,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From refusing to share the suffering of the world, from forgetting the pain and sorrow of others,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From seeking comfort and pleasure, from avoiding burdens and neglecting duty,

Deliver us, good Lord.

From the selfishness which brings needless sorrow to others,

Deliver us, good Lord.

Intercession.

Almighty Father, who art afflicted in the afflictions of thy people and art full of compassion and tender mercy, hear us as we pray for those who suffer,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For those who are wounded in battle; for those who bear the pains of childbirth or sickness, for the aged and the dying,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For all who are handicapped in the race of life through no fault of their own; for the defective and the delicate; and those who have been permanently injured through the war,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For those whose livelihood is insecure; the overworked, the hungry and the destitute; for those who have been downtrodden, ruined, and driven to despair,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For little children, whose surroundings hide from them thy love and thy beauty; for all the fatherless and motherless,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For those who have to bear their burdens alone, for the prisoners of war, and for all who have lost those whom they love,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For those who are in doubt and anguish of soul, for those who are over-sensitive and afraid,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For those whose suffering is unrelieved by the knowledge of thy love,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For those who suffer through their own wrongdoing,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

A Prayer for Steadfastness.

Set free, O Lord, the souls of thy servants from all restlessness and anxiety; give us that peace and power which flow from thee and keep us in all perplexities and distresses, in all griefs and grievances from any fear or faithlessness, that so upheld by thy strength and stayed on the rock of thy faithfulness through storm and stress we may abide in thee. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Fellowship in the Cross.

Almighty God, who hast shown us in the life and teaching of thy Son the true way of blessedness, thou hast also showed us in his suffering and death that the path of love may lead to the Cross, and the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. Give us grace to learn these hard lessons. May we take up our cross and follow Christ in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith; and may we have such fellowship with him in his sorrow that we may know the secret of his strength and peace, and see even in our darkest hour of trial and anguish the shining of the eternal light. *Amen.*

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing. Unto him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb, be the blessing and the honour and the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

SATURDAY. The Duties and Blessings of Daily Life.

MEDITATION.—Psalms ciii., or xxiii., or xxvii., or xxxii., or Romans xii.–xiii. (select from).

THANKSGIVING.

O Father in heaven, who of thy mercy hast brought us to the end of another week in safety, give us thankful hearts as we recall thy continued goodness towards us.

For all thy gifts to ourselves and to all thy children for which we have or have not prayed,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For health, recreation, and refreshment,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For interest in our work and power to do it,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For all duties and trusts committed to us,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For all progress in things for which we care,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the companionship of fellow-workers,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For all who have helped us with spiritual guidance or correction,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the unity of those who live in the Spirit,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the pardon of our sins and the inspiration of thy presence,

We thank thee, O Lord.

Lord, for the erring thought,
Not into action wrought;
Lord, for the wicked will,
Betrayed and baffled still;
For the heart from itself kept,
Our thankfulness accept.

Penitence.

O Lord, who ever rememberest all thy creatures, forgive us for our forgetfulness of them and of thee. Make us more able and willing to keep in mind the true purpose of our life, to work and pray for our brethren in all parts of thy world, and to devote ourselves more and more in complete obedience to seek and to do thy holy will in all ways at all times. For Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

An Acknowledgment of our Unworthiness and of the Mercy of God.

O thou compassionate Saviour of sinful men, look down from heaven and have mercy upon me. Save me and hold me; for without thee I can do nothing as I ought to do.

Miserable man that I am, my very prayers and praises and penitence are accompanied with so many failings that I am sometimes afraid that thou hast not accepted such an imperfect offering.

But, O blessed Saviour, thou hast said, "Whosoever

cometh to me I will in no wise cast him out"; thou hast compassion on the weakness of thy servants, for thou thyself hast borne our human nature. Thou art the good shepherd who didst lay down thy life for the sheep. Wherefore, O Gracious Lord, do thou pity me and accept my weak and imperfect performance, and supply by thy boundless mercy all the defects in my duty. Increase, O Lord, thy aid; so shall I increase my obedience.

O thou lover of souls, for the sake of thine infinite compassion which moved thee to die for me, hear me and help me. Amen, Lord Jesus, Amen.

Intercession.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to hear us for all people or purposes we have forgotten before thee this week or should specially remember.

For those whom we have not seen for long or who are far distant, especially our missionary friends,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For all for whom we have promised to pray or who need our prayers,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For our families and friends, especially . . . ,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For boys and girls at school and children whom we may help or hinder,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For all among whom our daily lives are spent and whom we influence,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For all who dislike us or whom we dislike,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For all who are lonely, amid multitudes or in solitude,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

A Prayer for Perseverance.

O Almighty God, who having begun in me a good work wilt perform it until the day of Jesus Christ, grant that my life may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment, that I may approve things that are excellent, that I may be sincere and without offence, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. *Amen.*

Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

PART II

LITANIES AND MEDITATIONS

A Thanksgiving for the Church.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort, we give thee thanks and praise for all thy great goodness to us and to all men, and we beseech thee to enlarge our hearts as we call to our remembrance the unsearchable riches of thy grace opened up for us in the Church of Jesus Christ.

For the dawning of thy Revelation in ages long past; for seekers after truth in every time and place; for all who by their obedience and purity of heart prepared the way of the Lord; for patriarchs and prophets, for teachers and singers, who helped to gather out a people called by thy Name,

We thank thee, O God.

For thy Son, sent forth into the world in the fullness of time to reveal thy glory; for his life and his example; for his teaching and his love; for his sacrifice on the Cross, and his rising again in power over sin and death; for his ascension to the heavenly places, and for the gift of his Spirit,

We thank thee, O God.

For the Church he founded; for the faithful witness of those who went forth declaring the word of life; for the martyrs of the faith of whom the world was not worthy, who so loved the name of Christ that they were willing to lay down their lives for him,

We thank thee, O God.

For the testimony of the saints in all ages; for those who in times of darkness kept the lamp of faith burning; for great souls who saw visions of larger truth and dared to declare it; for all who fought for truth and liberty; for the multitude of quiet and gracious souls whose presence has purified and sanctified the world; for preachers and evangelists raised up to declare the message of God with power; for all faithful witnesses to the life that is in Christ; and for the great multitude gathered out of every kingdom and nation and people and tongue,

We thank thee, O God.

For all those who have fought the good fight and have entered into their rest; for those whom we have known and loved, who have passed from this earthly fellowship into the fuller light and more perfect communion of Heaven; for the great cloud of witnesses,

We thank thee, O God.

For all true and acceptable service rendered unto thee; for all missionaries of the Cross of Christ; for all ministries of healing, consolation, and encouragement; for all who have loved their fellows with devotion, and served them with understanding; for all pioneers in the ways of discipleship, and for all who have sought to establish the Kingdom of God upon earth,

We thank thee, O God.

For thy Word, with its commandments, invitations, and promises; for the inspiration of Christian fellowship and worship, for solemn Sacraments and sacramental experiences; for all the means of grace by

which lives have been built up in our most holy faith,

We thank thee, O God.

For the abiding energy of the Gospel; for the divine stirring of men's hearts in days of revival; for signs that the Spirit is still leading us into all the truth; for all holy dissatisfaction with the achievement of yesterday; for all larger vision of the duty of to-day; for the ambition to preach Christ to every nation, and the growing desire to enthrone him Lord over every realm of life,

We thank thee, O God.

For the eternal love, ever seeking fuller entrance into our hearts; for the grace which is sufficient for all our needs; for the faith that overcometh the world; for the joy no man can take from us; for the peace that passeth all understanding; for the hope which is set before us, and for the promise of our Father's house,

We thank thee, O God.

And, above all, for our adorable Lord, the King and Head of the Church, the Lord and Master of our lives, who ever liveth, and who must reign till all things are gathered into one in him, and at whose feet we lay the homage and adoration of our hearts,

We thank thee, O Lord.

Blessing and honour, and glory and power be unto him who sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever. *Amen.*

A Litany for the World's Student Christian Federation.

O God, the Father of all men, who lovest all thy children and hast bidden us to love one another, we thank thee for thy great love to us, and for the love which draws us nearer to one another in thee. We thank thee for thy gift in the World's Student Christian Federation, and for thy continued blessing throughout its history. We thank thee for what it has achieved, and for the hopes and possibilities of the future. Grant us, we pray thee, the faith and wisdom that we need to take our share in the task to which thou hast called us. And pour upon us now the grace of supplication as we remember before thee our friends throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant us, we pray thee, the breadth of vision which will lift our eyes beyond the narrow limits of our own hopes and fears to see the greatness of the world's need, and thy power to meet it,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Grant us the quickness of imagination and the depth of sympathy which will enable us to understand the ideals and difficulties of other races than our own,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Grant us humility and generosity, that being set free from any false pride of race, we may gladly acknowledge the gifts which thou hast given to other

nations, and recognize their place in thy purpose for all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Grant us the spirit of love, that we may be ready to give our lives to thee, who hast given us all things, and to show forth thy praise in the unselfish service of our fellow-men,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Holy Spirit of God, giver of life and light, enlighten our dull minds by thy indwelling. Take from us whatever makes our prayers feeble and our faith dim. Kindle in our hearts, we beseech thee, the flame of thy pure fire, that we may feel it burn within us as we pray. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the World's Student Christian Federation and for all the National Movements which compose it.

That through the work of the Federation the students of many lands may be drawn nearer to one another, that so the barriers of ignorance and prejudice may be broken down, and the foundation laid of understanding and good will on which alone a League of Nations can be built,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may be quick to grasp the opportunities offered us in the Federation, through friendships made with students of other lands at conferences and in college, through study and travel, through lectures and discussions,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may all be faithful in thought and prayer

for each other; that we may never let our own concerns and difficulties make us forgetful of the needs of other Movements,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That from the colleges in all lands there may go forth men and women strong, unselfish, and devoted, who will hear thy call, and answer it by consecrating all their powers in service,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

That thou wilt guide with thy pure wisdom those who teach and those who learn, filling them with the love of what is noble and of good report, and leading them into an ever fuller understanding of thy truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That alike in Christian and non-Christian countries Christ may be so lifted up that he may draw all men unto himself,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Let us pray for the officers and committee members of the Federation, especially those travelling in the colleges at this time; for the leaders of the National Movements, and for all their members.

[NOTE.—It would neither be practicable nor really useful to print special intercessions for the needs of the various countries. It is suggested that those who use this Litany should insert their own petitions for the particular movements and individuals which they may wish to remember. Material may be gathered from "The Student World," "The Student Movement," "The Terminal Intercession Paper," or from

letters and personal talks with friends from abroad.]

Let us remember especially the students who have left their homes to study in other lands, the foreign students in our own country, in Europe, and in America.

That through all the difficulties which they have to face they may feel the guiding and sustaining hand of God,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That they may meet with courtesy and kindliness in the lands to which they go that through the friendships thus formed, the East and the West may share with each other all that is best in their inheritance,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O God, from whom all thoughts of peace proceed, guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom the leaders of our Federation and the students of all lands, that in tranquillity thy Kingdom may go forward till the earth be filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Litany of Labour.

I.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

II.

Jesus, born in poverty,
born to bring peace among men,
workman at Nazareth,
Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, in whom the proud were scattered and the mighty put down,
giving good things to the hungry,
exalting them of low degree,
Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, in whom all the nations of the earth are one,
in whom is neither bond nor free,
brother of all,
Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, preaching good tidings to the poor,
proclaiming release to the captives,
setting at liberty them that are bound,
Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, friend of the poor,
feeder of the hungry,
healer of the sick,
Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, denouncing the oppressor,
instructing the simple,
going about to do good,
Have mercy upon us.
Jesus, teacher of patience,
pattern of gentleness,
prophet of the Kingdom of heaven,
Have mercy upon us.
Jesus, forgiving them that love much,
drawing all men unto thee,
calling them that labour and are heavy laden,
Have mercy upon us.
Jesus, who camest not to be ministered unto, but to minister,
who hadst not where to lay thy head,
loved by the common people,
Have mercy upon us.
Jesus, betrayed for the sake of money,
taken by the chief priests,
condemned by the rulers,
Have mercy upon us.
Jesus, crucified for us,
Have mercy upon us.
Jesus, who hast called us to the fellowship of thy Kingdom,
in whom is no respect of persons,
who wilt know us by our fruits,
Have mercy upon us.

Thou Voice of Justice who dost say to us: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me,"
Have mercy upon us.

III.

From the love of money,
From dishonesty in business,
From forgetfulness of our duty,
From anger and malice against opponents,
From contempt of others,
From offence against thy little ones,
From oppression of the poor,
From the acceptance of worldly standards,
From all pride,
From all lust,
From all anger,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy taking of our flesh,
By thy humble birth,
By thy hard life,
By thy bitter death,
By thy glorious resurrection and ascension,

Good Lord, deliver us.

IV.

Finally, we beseech thee, O Lord, mighty and ever wise, that thou wilt guide, protect, and inspire all those who learn and labour truly to get their own living.

For men who face peril,

We beseech thee.

For women who suffer pain,

We beseech thee.

For those who till the earth,
For those who tend machinery,

We beseech thee.

For those who strive on the deep waters,
For those who venture in far countries,

We beseech thee.

For those who work in offices and warehouses,
For those who labour at furnaces and in factories,

We beseech thee.

For those who toil in mines,
For those who buy and sell,

We beseech thee.

For those who keep house,
For those who train children,

We beseech thee.

For all who live by strength of arm,
For all who live by cunning of hand,

We beseech thee.

For all who control, direct, or employ,

We beseech thee.

For all who enrich the common life through science, art, and learning,

We beseech thee.

For all who guide the common thought, writers, prophets, teachers.

We beseech thee.

For all those who should serve the common good as soldiers, pastors, physicians, lawyers and merchants, as well as for all social workers, leaders, and statesmen,

We beseech thee.

And for all those who are poor, and broken, and oppressed :

For all whose labour is without hope,
For all whose labour is without honour,

For all whose labour is without interest,
For those who have too little leisure,
For those who are underpaid,
For those who oppress their employees through love of money,
For all women workers,
For those who work in dangerous trades,
For those who cannot find work,
For those who will not work,
For those who have no home,
For prisoners and outcasts,
For the victims of lust,
For all who are sick or hungry,
For all who are intemperate, luxurious, or cruel,

Dear Lord, we pray to thee.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Receive our prayer.

Our Father.

Let us pray.

We pray, Father of all, who lovest all men, for a new *Britain*, a new Europe, a new Asia, and a new world, wherein every race may be free, and government may be of the people, by all and for all, so that the nations, ordering their states wisely and worthily, may live in the example of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, may all the praise of the world be given, all power, dominion, and glory for ever. *Amen.*

An Intercession for Foreign Missions.

Opening Praise and Petition.

Almighty God, the Father of all mankind, with all the company of thy servants in heaven and on earth, we worship thee and praise thy holy name. So quicken our hearts to love thee, our eyes to behold thee, our souls to desire thee, that we and all thy Church may see, as thou seest, our fellow-men in every land, and may hear with gladness the call to preach the Gospel of thy Son to every creature. *Amen.*

For Missionary-Workers Abroad.

O God, bestow thy heavenly grace upon all missionary-workers that by them Christ may be lifted up in every land and all men be drawn to him.

In times of loneliness and weariness cheer them with thy presence; in disappointment give them patience; in the press of affairs keep their spirits fresh; in difficulties and dangers uphold and protect them; in success keep them humble in heart; in failure strengthen them to persevere.

Make them to be joyful in spirit, radiant in life, steadfast in faith, zealous in service, and at all times deepen their dependence upon thee and give them peace in thy service.

Make them truly to love and wisely to guide thy children, and grant them with each other and with those whom they serve that fellowship in Christ which is deeper than racial differences.

℣. *Lord, hear our prayer,*
℟. *And let our cry come unto thee.*

For the Church in the Mission-field.

O Father, we thank thee for the Church which thou hast raised up in many parts of the earth, and we pray for all those whom thou has called into it. Guide them through perplexities, defend them amidst oppression and hatred, strengthen and uphold those who face persecution for Christ's sake, and evermore enrich them with the gifts of thy Spirit.

Grant to all missionaries such grace and humility of spirit as may enable them to learn of those whom they are teaching, and freely to commit to them the care of the Church in their country, that it may increase in strength to accomplish its task.

℣. *Lord, hear our prayer,*
℟. *And let our cry come unto thee.*

For Schools and Colleges.

O God of light and truth, we pray thee for all schools and colleges, that those who teach in them may be taught of thee, and those who learn may be guided by thy Spirit and instructed of thy heavenly wisdom.

O Lord, who by thy life at Nazareth hast hallowed every workshop, let thy benediction rest on all industrial schools, and grant that through them there may come to men a vision of nobler service and of the consecration of all life to thee.

℣. *Lord, hear our prayer,*
℟. *And let our cry come unto thee.*

For Hospitals.

O God, our Health and Strength, do thou work mightily through the doctors, nurses, and assistants in mission hospitals for the relief of pain and suffering and for the showing forth of Christ.

℣. *Lord, hear our prayer,*
℟. *And let our cry come unto thee.*

For Bible and Christian Literature Societies.

O Holy Spirit, give wisdom and understanding to all translators of the Scriptures and to those who write or translate other Christian books, and to all distributors of these give thy grace and guidance.

℣. *Lord, hear our prayer,*
℟. *And let our cry come unto thee.*

For the "Home Base."

We beseech thee, O God, for all who lead the work of thy Church at home and abroad, that the boldness of their plans may reflect the greatness of thy purpose for the world.

Give them singleness of heart, unity in counsel, skill and courage to turn division into co-operation and willingness to learn from those whom they would serve.

Guide by thy Holy Spirit those who are engaged in the missionary education of the Church at home, and grant the true preparation of mind and heart to all who are seeking to fit themselves to be missionaries of Christ.

℣. *Lord, hear our prayer,*
℟. *And let our cry come unto thee.*

For the Coming of the Kingdom.

Finally, O Lord, we beseech thee for the coming of thy Kingdom throughout the world through the spread of the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and the conquest of all tyranny and darkness, all cruelty and strife, by his Spirit.

℣. *Lord, hear our prayer,*
℟. *And let our cry come unto thee.*

Our Father, etc.

Now unto him that hath loved us and loosed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us to be kings and priests with God the Father, to him be the glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Litany for Children and their Teachers.

THANKSGIVING.

O God, our Father, we praise and thank thee for children; for their simple-mindedness, their spirit of wonder, their unexpectedness, their affection, their appreciation of beauty and fun and the goodness of life,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the love and reverence of children among the roughest men and women,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For those engaged in education that have the child-like heart and are holding up to teachers the ideal of believing in and waiting upon the child,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the awakening of the nation to the need for the education and care of her children,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For all the unknown faithful service of teachers and others to destitute children,

We thank thee, O Lord.

For the wise love of parents and for all happy, healthy homes where children grow up loving what is fair and good,

We thank thee, O Lord.

REPENTANCE.

Because through our hurry and impatience we lose our love of simple things,

O God, forgive.

Because so often we prize subtlety of intellect more than the simple heart; pride and self-assertion more than humility; the artificial pleasures of civilization more than the purity and beauty that is to be found near to the heart of nature and in children,

O God, forgive.

Because we have been so slow to serve the children of the nation, so blind to the needs of their growth and development, so little awake to the spiritual nature of education,

O God, forgive.

Because we have had so little sympathy with the teacher,

O God, forgive.

Because we have failed to recognize the rights of all children, and have desired more than their share for the children we know and love,

O God, forgive.

Intercession.

Let us pray for children.

For all children who are handicapped by hard circumstances; for those who are being brought up in homes in which there is no beauty or joy or love; for the sick, incurable, and mentally deficient; for the wayward, and for those who are misunderstood,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For the children who have suffered through the war; for those who have lost their fathers and mothers; for those who have lost their homes; for those who have suffered in body through exposure

and want and sickness; for those who have suffered in mind and soul through fear and bitterness and strain,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

O God, whose heart is as the heart of a child, hear us as we pray for these thy children who are suffering through the sin and hatred and stupidity of us men and women. In thy mercy restore to them that which we have taken from them. Raise up fathers to the fatherless, mothers to the motherless, friends to the friendless. Wipe out from their souls the stain of misery and fear; give back to them the trustfulness and untroubled joy which should be theirs. And grant to all who tend and teach them faith to believe that thou art able to do this, and patient wisdom to co-operate with thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ who, taking the little children in his arms, blessed them and said, "Of such is the Kingdom of heaven." *Amen.*

Let us pray for Teachers.

For those now in college, that they may have eyes to see the greatness of their vocation,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For those with no love for children or teaching, that they may have the courage to cut the bonds which tie them to the profession; or if that cannot be, to believe that Christ can give them that change of temperament which they need,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For those who have just left college and are faced by lack of sympathy with high ideals, or are

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disheartened by the conditions under which they work, that they may have strength and courage to keep their vision, and perseverance to work it out in more living ways,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

For all teachers, especially for those who find it hard to keep the eternal youth and freshness which children demand, that they may find in Christ a continual renewal and deepening of personality,

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

O God, who hast included all thy commandments in one commandment of love, so that if we love not our neighbour we cannot fulfil thy law; we humbly pray thee to create in us such a sincere and fervent love of one another that we may be true children of our Father in heaven, and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

An Order of Compline.

All standing up, the Reader shall say:

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

Short Lesson.—1 Peter v. 8.

Brethren be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith.

℣. Our help is in the name of the Lord;

℟. Who hath made heaven and earth.

℣. Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Here may be sung a hymn suitable to the season. Then shall be said or sung one or more Psalms. Psalm xxxi. (1–6), xci., or one of the following are specially suitable.

Psalm iv.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour: and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly: when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not : commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say : Who will shew us any good?

Lord, lift thou up : the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart : more than in the time that their corn and wine increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is thou Lord, only, that makest me to dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

or Psalm cxxxiv.

Behold now, praise the Lord : all ye servants of the Lord.

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord : even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Little Chapter.

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not, O Lord our God.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Into thy hands I commend my spirit;

℟. For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Antiphon.

Save us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep may rest in peace.

Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Here all shall kneel.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Our Father, etc.

℣. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;

℟. Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

℣. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the glory of heaven;

℟. Above all to be praised for ever.

℣. The Almighty Lord, guard us and give us his blessing. *Amen.*

This confession is to be said in a humble voice by the Reader and people together.

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to one another, and to the whole Church of Christ, that we have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word, and deed, and by omission, through

our fault, our own fault, our own grievous fault. Wherefore, we pray God to have mercy upon us.

And all shall say:

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins, deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.*

Then the Reader shall say:

May the merciful Lord grant us pardon for all our sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

℣. Vouchsafe, O Lord;

℟. To keep us this night without sin.

℣. O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us;

℟. As we do put our trust in thee.

℣. Lord, hear our prayer;

℟. And let our cry come unto thee.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Hear us, O Lord, and deliver us from all adversity and error, that we and thy whole Church may serve thee in the freedom of peace and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

May the Lord of his mercy grant unto us, with all his faithful servants, rest and peace. *Amen.*

[Compline is the seventh and last service of the day, completing the canonical hours, according to catholic practice.]

A Litany of Remembrance.

Almighty and Everlasting God, before whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead, Light of lights, Fountain of wisdom and goodness, who livest in all pure and humble and gracious souls:

For all who have witnessed a good confession for thy glory, and the welfare of the world; patriarchs, prophets, and apostles; the wise of every land and age, and all teachers of mankind,

We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.

For the martyrs of our holy faith; the faithful witnesses to Christ of whom the world was not worthy; and for all who have resisted falsehood and wrong unto suffering or death,

We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.

For all who have laboured and suffered for freedom, good government, just laws, and the sanctity of the home, and for all who have given their lives for their country,

We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.

For all who have sought to bless men by their service and life, and to lighten the dark places of the earth,

We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.

For those who have been tender and true and brave in all times and places; who in the world's common ways have lived upright and helpful lives; and for all who have been one with thee in the communion of Christ's spirit and in the strength of his love,

We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.

For the dear friends and kindred of our homes whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever,

We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.

For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth; and the members of our household of faith who worship thee now in heaven,

We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.

For the grace which was given to all these, and the trusts and hopes in which they lived and died,

We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.

That we may hold them in continual remembrance, that the sanctity of their wisdom and goodness may rest upon our earthly days, and that we may prepare ourselves to follow them in their upward way,

We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

That we may ever think of them as with thee, and be sure that where they are, there we may be also,

We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

That we may have a hope beyond this world for all thy children, even for wanderers who must be sought and brought home; that we may be comforted and sustained by the promise of a time when none shall be strangers and exiles from thy kingdom and household,

We beseech thee to hear us, O God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit; with the faithful and the saintly in heaven; with the redeemed in all ages; with our beloved who dwell in thy presence and peace; we who still fight and suffer on earth unite

in ascribing thanksgiving, glory, honour and power unto thee, O Lord our God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

A Service of Worship.

[The chief purpose of this service is to illustrate the use of passages from the Bible in enriching our devotions. For reasons of space, it is impossible to print these in full, but a few references are given to passages which bring out the thought of the clauses. The number of these can be easily increased by taking such books as the Psalms, Isaiah, Job, Wisdom, and St. Paul's Epistles, and making a selection from them. There is no necessity to use the sentences here given; some may prefer to write others of their own; others will find it best to use the Scripture passages by themselves. It is suggested that when such a service is used for corporate worship, a pause for silent meditation should be left after the reading of each passage, which may be summed up by some simple ascription of praise. It is sometimes helpful also to introduce each clause with a sentence which brings out the central thought.]

O God, who art from everlasting to everlasting, the Creator and Upholder of all things, the Source of life and light; thy ways are not as our ways, nor thy thoughts as our thoughts; thy wisdom is unsearchable, reaching from one end of the world unto the other; and no purpose of thine can be restrained. But in the wonder of thy creation thou hast shown us something of thyself; and for thy wisdom, majesty, and beauty revealed therein, we would praise and worship thee.

Psalm cv. 1–5, or *Wisdom vii.* 17–22.

Thou hast never left the world which thou hast made; day by day thou dost sustain it, bringing forth out of thy treasures things new and old; the seasons

are thine with their changing beauty; the wealth of the earth is thine in its manifold splendour; all these thou hast given to man that he may use them and rejoice, seeing in them the bounty of thy love.

Isaiah lv. 9–13, or *Psalm civ.*

Throughout the ages thou hast led our race along the upward path, encouraging us by generous gifts, schooling us by the discipline of suffering; thy wisdom has been our guide; thy love has overruled our folly and our sin. Thou hast raised up great leaders in time of need; thou hast inspired explorers in every realm of knowledge; and in every age thou hast made known thy law, that in the fear of thee is the beginning of wisdom, and that. righteousness alone maketh a nation great.

Isaiah li. 12–16, or *Psalm cvii.*

From the beginning it was thy purpose that man should seek thee, if haply he might feel after thee and find thee; and truly thou hast not been far from each one of us. Thou hast known the longing of the human heart, and responded to its deepest need; ever thou hast been leading man nearer to thyself, revealing thy true nature to him as he could understand it, drawing him by the spirit of love and not of fear.

Psalm ciii. 11–22.

And in the fullness of time, thou didst pour out for us the inexhaustible riches of thy love; thou didst not withhold anything that could teach us to know

and love thee, but didst send Jesus to be the perfect revelation of thy mind and heart. In him we see thee as thou art, and man as thou didst mean him to be; in his life of joy and purity, of sympathy and strength, we see the satisfaction of all our need; in his bitter passion and death we see the unconquerable love by which our sin is purged away, and we are led through penitence to turn again to thee; and in his resurrection we see the triumph of thy goodness over all the powers of evil.

Philippians ii. 5–11.

O Lord Jesus, we praise thee, that thou didst come amongst us, a gracious gift to the ungrateful race of men, and, undismayed by our sin and blindness, didst live out thy life of holiness and power, bringing health and peace to all who came to thee.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, for thy loneliness and failure, for thy stress of spirit and thy strong prayer, for thy Cross upon the hill, for thy death that giveth life, for thy life that overcometh death, we worship thee our Lord and Master, our Saviour and Redeemer.

Romans viii. 35, 37–39.

Thou has not left us comfortless at thy departing; but according to thy promise thou hast sent thy Spirit to be with us to give us ever clearer understanding of thyself, to lead us into the fulness of truth which is the more abundant life. We have denied thee and forsaken thee; we have not shown thee forth in our lives, and by our failure we have made it harder

for others to believe in thee. But still thy Spirit waits for us, moving us to penitence, rekindling hope and courage in our hearts, lifting our eyes to the vision of the day when thy Kingdom shall come and thy will be done throughout the world.

Wherefore, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we lift up our hearts unto thee; we praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee. With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory;
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. *Amen.*

A Meditation on the Will of God.

Jesus said: Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother and sister.

It is the will of God that we should endeavour to keep our bodies in health and strength, and our appetites and impulses under control, and everywhere and in all things to be temperate and pure.

Here and after each sentence, there shall be a pause for silent meditation and prayer.

It is the will of God that we should train our minds, and be true in our thinking, and just in all our judging.

It is the will of God that we should be honest, truthful, and upright in thought, word, and deed.

It is the will of God that we should be diligent and faithful in our several callings, doing our daily work in all simplicity and integrity, and seeking and labouring only for the things which are just and good.

It is the will of God that we should rule our spirits, bear with each other's infirmities, and as much as lieth in us live peaceably with all men.

It is the will of God that we should live chiefly to be helpful to others, and not to seek only our own pleasure and gain.

It is the will of God that we should do what we can to take away the sin and sorrow of the world, and to overcome all evil with good.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may, by thee, be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Meditation upon the Character of Jesus Christ.

"'He that followeth me, walketh not in darkness,' saith the Lord. These are the words of Christ, by which we are admonished how we ought to imitate his life and manners, if we would be truly enlightened and delivered from all blindness of heart. Let therefore our chiefest end and aim be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ. The doctrine of Christ excelleth all the doctrines of holy men; and he that hath the Spirit will find therein the hidden manna. But it falleth out that many who often hear the Gospel of Christ feel little desire after it, because they have not the Spirit of Christ. But whosoever will fully and with relish understand the words of Christ, must endeavour to conform his life wholly to the life of Christ."

"Imitatio Christi," I. 1.

"Love is patient and kind, and feels no envy."

Think of the patience of Jesus with his disciples; with the common people; with those who have been his followers in all ages; with ourselves. No one can ever be so disappointing to us, as we must be to him.

Think of his insight and sympathy; his graciousness in dealing with all sorts of men and women; his power of breaking down the barriers of fear and prejudice by his unfailing love.

Think of his uncomplaining acceptance of his place in life, his home, and friends, and work.

"Love does not give itself airs, or think too well of itself."

Think of his wonderful humility. He who of all men had most right to think highly of himself, thought only of promoting the glory of God. He desired to draw men to himself, that in and through him they might come to God.

"Love is never offensive, and never puts itself first."

Think of his unassuming courtesy; his respect for every individual; his self-control and reserve. Think of his unselfishness; his disregard of his own comfort and convenience; his responsiveness to the demands of others; his consideration for their needs in times of his own weariness and strain, even in the hour of his death.

"Love does not yield to provocation, or keep an account of injuries."

What must not he have had to bear from the misunderstanding, the wilful misinterpretation, the obstinate opposition of men? And yet he never lost his temper at insults offered to himself. He did not brood over them, or magnify them in imagination. He always remembered and expected the best, and not the worst, of other people.

"Love takes no pleasure in evil, but rejoices in all honesty and goodness."

He hated sin because he knew what it means. He knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and impurity to man, and still more, to God.

He knew, too, the joy and beauty of goodness. He was quick to recognize love and unselfishness, courage and patience, simplicity and kindliness, and to welcome them wherever he found them. By so doing he was able to draw them out from the most unlikely people.

"Love is always tolerant, always ready to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient: Love never gives in."

Think of his courage and perseverance; his unconquerable hopefulness, and faith in human nature; his unswerving devotion to the will of God. What his temptations were to force man's allegiance, and to take the easier course, we cannot ever know. He might have given in—and the world would not have been saved.

This is what he was; this is what God is. And as we gaze upon this miracle of perfect love, and realize that it was given for us, and is offered to us, our hearts are filled with wonder and with thankfulness. Love so amazing, so divine, demands our life, our soul, our all.

And what have we given? As we look at our lives and see their poverty and selfishness and cowardice, how can we call ourselves his followers, or claim him as our Lord and Master?

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him—

"Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you."

"So God loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that all that believe on him should not perish, but should have everlasting life."

"Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out."

With humble thankfulness, O God, we acknowledge thine unspeakable love to us, thy most unworthy children. We bless thee, we praise thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great goodness. We are not worthy of the least of these thy mercies, but thou art the same, and thy love towards us cannot fail. Therefore not trusting in our own righteousness, but only in thy grace, we offer once again to thee the devotion of our hearts, which thou wilt accept because we offer it through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Common Day.

Meditation.

Desire to serve God.

Confidence in his goodwill towards us.

To be working out the prayer, and to determine to go on working.

Thankfulness for particular gifts and graces before asking.

To appeal to what he is, and what he has done.

To hold to a bright view of his kindness whatever happens.

Resolutions.

Not to be dilatory in beginning the day's main work.

To neglect no work; to observe the proportion of works.

Not to murmur at multitude of business or shortness of time, but to buy up time all round.

Not to magnify undertaken duties by seeming to suffer under them, but to treat all as liberties and gladnesses.

Not to call attention to crowded work or petty fatigues, or trivial experiences.

To learn how unintentionally forbidding and depressing tone and look may be if there is not inner peace.

Before censuring any one to obtain from God a real love for them.

To seek no favour, no compassion; to deserve but not to ask for tenderness.

To bear blame rather than share or transmit it.

Not to let the undeserved love of others be an unpaid debt.

Thanksgiving.

"Thou hast set our feet in a large room."

We thank thee that through the war our faith in the Incarnation has been deepened and enlarged.

We thank thee that the common tasks of home life are being transfigured and glorified by the world's great need.

We thank thee that among the blessings of this life we can reckon the demands, the opportunities, and the vision of to-day.

We thank thee for the invigorating sense that "all things are being made new," and that it is given to us to make traditions as well as to uphold them.

We thank thee that thou hast counted us worthy to stand in this day of the coming of the Son of Man.

Petition.

Grant, O Lord, that to live in such glorious times may cleanse us from all pettiness and self-seeking, filling us with a gallant and undaunted spirit, that we may be diffusers of life, invigorating all we meet. *Amen.*

Blessed Jesus, who didst bid all those who carry heavy burdens to come unto thee, refresh us with thy presence and thy power. Quiet our understandings and give ease to our hearts by bringing us close to things infinite and eternal. Open to us the

Mind of God, that in his Light we may see light. And crown thy choice of us to be thy servants by making us springs of strength and joy for those whom thou hast sent us to serve. *Amen.*

Bless us, O God, with the vision of thy being and beauty, that in the strength of it we may work without haste and without rest: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, set our hearts at liberty from the service of ourselves, and let it be our meat and drink to do thy will: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Litany of Character.

O Lord, open thou our minds to see ourselves as thou seest us, or even as others see us and we see others, and from all unwillingness to know our infirmities,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

From infirmity of purpose, from want of earnest care and interest, from the sluggishness of indolence, and the slackness of indifference, and from all spiritual deadness of heart,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

From dullness of conscience, from feeble sense of duty, from thoughtless disregard of consequences to others, from a low ideal of the obligations of our calling, and from all half-heartedness in our service,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

From self-conceit and vanity and boasting, from delight in supposed success and superiority, raise us to the modesty and humility of true sense and taste and reality; and from all the harms and hindrances of offensive manners and self-assertion,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

From love of flattery, from over-ready belief in praise, from dislike of criticism and hatred of independence; from the comfort of self-deception in persuading ourselves that others think better than the truth of us,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

From all hasty utterances of impatience, from the retort of irritation and the taunt of sarcasm; from all infirmity of temper in provoking or being provoked; from love of unkind gossip, and from all idle words that may do hurt,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Give us knowledge of ourselves, our powers and weaknesses, our spirit, our sympathy, our imagination, our knowledge, our truth; teach us by the standards of thy Word, by the judgments of others, by examination of ourselves; give us earnest desire to strengthen ourselves continually by study, by diligence, by prayer and meditation, and from all fancies, delusions, and prejudices of habit, or temper, or society,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Chiefly, O Lord, we pray thee give us knowledge of thee, to see thee in all thy works, always to feel thy presence near and to hear thy call. . . . Blot out our past transgressions, heal the evil of our past negligences and ignorances; uplift our hearts to new love, new energy, and devotion, that we may be unburdened from the grief and shame of past faithlessness to go forth in thy strength to persevere through success and failure, through good report and evil report, even to the end; and in all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Amen.

A Litany of Longing for Obedience and Holiness.

O Lord, how long
Shall we say we are all brethren,
That we love our Father in heaven,
And our life give it the lie?

O Lord, how long
Shall we speak of love,
Of our hearts going out to mankind,
And our love be asleep?

O Lord, how long
Shall we talk of prayer,
And rejoice in the beauty of worship,
And our prayer be a dream?

O Lord, how long
Shall we bow down to Christ,
Call him Lord, preach his Word,
And he know us not?

O Lord, how long
Is the light of truth flashing,
The Son of Man coming,
To be rejected, too, of this generation?
O Lord, how long?

The Beatitudes.

(St. Matthew v. 3–10, and Rev. xiv. 13.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: they rest from their labours and their works do follow them. *Amen.*

Veni Creator Spiritus.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of thy grace;
Keep far our foes; give peace at home:
Where thou art Guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee of Both, to be but One,
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,
"Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." Amen.

PART III

GENERAL PRAYERS

General Prayers.

I.

A Thanksgiving of St. Francis for all Created Things.

O most high, almighty, good Lord God, to thee belong praise, glory, honour and all blessing!

Praised be my Lord God with all his creatures, and especially our brother the sun, who brings us the day and who brings us the light; fair is he and shines with a very great splendour; O Lord, he signifies to us thee.

Praised be my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars, the which he has set clear and lovely in heaven.

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind, and for air and cloud, calms and all weather, by the which thou upholdest life in all creatures.

Praised be my Lord for our sister water, who is very serviceable unto us and humble and precious and clean.

Praised be my Lord for our brother fire, through whom thou givest us light in the darkness; and he is bright and pleasant and very mighty and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our mother the earth, the which doth sustain us and keep us, and bringeth forth divers fruits, and flowers of many colours, and grass.

Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon one another for his love's sake, and who endure weakness and tribulation; blessed are they who peaceably

shall endure, for thou, O most Highest, shalt give them a crown.

Praised be my Lord for our sister the death of the body, from which no man escapeth. Woe to him who dieth in mortal sin! Blessed are they who are found walking by thy most holy will, for the second death shall have no power to harm them.

Praise ye and bless ye the Lord, and give thanks unto him, and serve him with great humility. *Amen.*

II.

For the Coming of the Kingdom.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank thee for thy grace that thou hast sent us thy Son, and hast appointed him to be the King of righteousness, and our Saviour and Redeemer, who should rescue us from the dominion of darkness, and bestow on us righteousness, salvation, and blessedness. May he take up his abode among us and within us, and may we ever continue in his kingdom and allegiance. Incline the hearts and wills of all princes and peoples to open their gates unto the King of kings and Lord of glory; may he enter into their lands, cities, and churches, to dwell there, and to rule and govern all things by his Word and Spirit. Restrain and check all influences that would close the door against him and forbid him to come in, while giving free entrance to false teachers and dreamers. Bring their evil enterprises to nought. But show forth thy power and

mercy on all the poor sons of men who are bound in the fetters of oppression, or the dreariness of unbelief, in idolatry, false doctrine or utter careless ungodliness; may Christ now come also unto them and set up his kingdom of light, truth and righteousness. So shalt thou, O eternal Father, with thy eternal Son and thy Holy Spirit, be praised and worshipped at all times and in all places evermore. *Amen.*

From the Riga Prayer Book, 1707.

III.

A Prayer for Illumination.

Father, thou knowest that alone we can do nothing. Behold, we seek thee, but of ourselves we cannot find thee; we long for thy light, but we cannot illuminate our own souls; we desire thy grace, but alone we cannot win it; we know thy will, but without thy support we are unable to fulfil it. Help us, therefore, since we cannot help ourselves; send down thy Spirit into our hearts so that whatever we do may be done to thy glory; may he purify, enlighten, strengthen and sanctify us.

Let not thy word have been spoken in vain to us, and grant that we may be not hearers only, but doers of the same, and that it may bring forth the true fruits of salvation in our hearts. Turn not thy face from us, and withdraw not thy grace; lead us ever in the right way, and let thy Holy Spirit encourage us; may we never sink back into darkness, nor into error, but

let the light of thy life shine on us evermore. Teach us to do according to thy pleasure, and take not away thy good Spirit from us. *Amen.*

Weiss, 18th cent.

IV.

A Morning Prayer.

Almighty God, enable us through the day which is now opening to set thee always before us, thy will and thy glory. We pray thee to give us that which is good, and to keep us from evil. May we be in the world, yet not of it. Suggest, direct, control all our thoughts and words and actions. Bless our undertakings. Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, and make us a blessing.

Grant that we may be just and true in all our dealings, strict and conscientious in the discharge of every duty, pure and temperate in every enjoyment, kind and charitable and courteous in speech and manner towards all men. May the mind of Jesus Christ be formed in us, and may all take knowledge of us that we are his disciples.

Into thy holy keeping we commit ourselves and all who are dear to us. May we spend this day in thy fear and to thy glory; and reach the eventide without being overcome by any temptation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From "Family Prayers," by Dean Vaughan, 19th cent.

V

A Prayer for Strength and Faith.

O God, thou infinite and solemn Presence; if we have not had thee in all our thoughts, it is that we are not pure enough to see thee. We have pleased ourselves instead of serving thee; we have lived in this world without remembering that it is thine. We have fled with coward spirit from the earnest battle of life, and made a shameful peace with our temptations. We have believed rather the flatteries of selfish desire, than the stern voice of duty and the inspiration of pure affection.

O thou whose patience we have too long tried, after so many ineffectual vows, we almost fear to repent, lest we only add one unfaithfulness more, and turn our last strength into weakness. Increase our faith that we may no longer lean on our broken will, but throw ourselves freely open unto thee, watch thy guiding light, and follow where thou mayst lead. Till we serve thy will with a surrendered heart, we know that thou canst not refresh our weary life. Accepting the meekness of Christ, may we find each holy truth grow clear, each sacred burden light, and the shadow of guilt dissolve away. Enlarge our souls with a divine charity that we may hope all things, believe all things, endure all things, and become messengers of thy healing mercy to the grievances and infirmities of men. In all things attune our hearts to the holiness and harmony of thy kingdom. And

hasten the time when that kingdom shall come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

James Martineau, 19th cent.

VI.

A Morning Prayer.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we welcome again the light of day, and receive from thee the trust of a new opportunity. Thou, O God, art everywhere and fillest all things, the outer world with thy power and beauty, and the conscience with truth and goodness; yet we do not always walk with thee, nor live and labour beneath thine eye, nor seek the guidance of thy sure hand. Too often we go forth to do our work and think our thoughts alone and forget the great Presence which hallows and upholds every one who heeds it. Rebuke our waywardness and folly, and help us to realize that except we live in thee we must always fail to do our best and reach our highest, and unless we rest in thee we lack the deepest peace.

Thou hast granted to us again day after day the blessings which come with the morning and the good which descends with the shadows of evening. We thank thee for the reward of labour, the sweetness of sleep, and the happiness of friendship. Thou hast not left us to tread the path of life alone. Thou hast given us many who love us and many for us to love and serve, and amidst all that is selfish hast shown us the excellent way of charity.

O God, the giver of every good gift, breathe into

our hearts true and noble desires. Suffer not our vanity and selfishness to make us blind even for a moment to truth and right. Banish from our minds the pushful and boastful confidence that is too often regarded as the means of success. Give us a just sense of our relationship to thee and to our fellows that we may respect our task in the world and the place and rights of others, and do all our work with a quiet conscientiousness and integrity. Give us more and more of the mind of Christ that we may be humble in spirit, not striving who shall be the first, but who shall serve thee most faithfully. May we learn of him to be modest and gentle of heart, lovers of truth and righteousness and peace, and workers together for thy Kingdom. *Amen.*

John Hunter, 1911.

VII.

For the Close of a Year.

Eternal God, from whom nothing passeth and is gone, and to whom no new thing can ever appear, we seek in thee our refuge and strength. At the close of another year we come to thee with our thanksgivings, and in thy presence would we humble ourselves.

We remember with grateful hearts the mercy of which we have been constant partakers through these swiftly passing days. Thou hast been our Good Shepherd, and we have not wanted. Through the promise of the spring, through the brightness of the

summer, through the riches of the autumn, thou hast blessed us. Thou hast been with us in the daily duty and struggle. Alike in sunshine and in gloom have we been sustained by thee. Thou hast patiently borne with our weakness and unworthiness, and sad failures. In this sacred hour, and in thy sight, O thou All-merciful, we would call to remembrance the many good things we have seen and tasted and known—the beauty and bounty of the world; the people we have met; the human love and sympathy which have brightened our days; the good books we have read; the wisdom we have listened to; the thoughts full of inspiration and quickening power which have visited us; the work that has trained and strengthened us; the good we have been enabled to do; and all the things which have made our life fairer and sweeter to us. More especially do we praise thee for victories over temptation, for gifts of higher faith, larger charity, nobler hearts, more patient spirits; praise thee, if with purer aspirations and purposes, and with more strength and peace in thee, we have come to these closing hours of another year.

Father of our spirits, thou infinitely wise and just disposer of our lot, we remember in thy presence our losses and griefs, the hopes and treasures which the departing year has carried away, the disappointments we have known, the friends who have gone from us, and whose coming steps we shall hear again no more. If we cannot thank thee for these things as we fain would, yet would we pray for grace to cherish the spirit which brings good out of evil, and prevents adversities and sorrows from embittering the heart

and spoiling the life. Our Father, help us to feel more and more, that all that thou doest is well for us, and well for all. Comfort us with a deep sense of thy goodness in each event of our life; and be our strength when heart and flesh fainteth and faileth.

Almighty God, our Lord and Judge, we bring to thee many memories of transgression and failure, and our secret and sad confessions. We mourn that the closing year has so much in it to fill us with shame, and that our record of it is so blotted and stained. We remember the gracious opportunities and privileges we failed to improve, the heavenly visions we disobeyed, the lessons we did not take to heart, the work we did not do, the trials against which we chafed, and the undevout and faithless spirit in which many of our days and hours were spent. O God of mercy, we would humble ourselves before thee. As we think of what we are, and what we might have been; of what we have done, and what we might have done, our only refuge and defence is thy long-suffering mercy and love. Heal us with thy stripes, and be with us that we fall no more.

God of grace, whose compassions fail not, if it be thy will that we should enter upon another year of life, may we do so with a more earnest desire to follow thy guidance and obey thy will. Daily and hourly may we watch and pray lest we fall into temptation. Humble us in the pride of strength; uphold us in the season of weakness. There are things we should like to do before we pass hence and are no more seen; purposes and aspirations thou hast kindled within us, dreams and visions of goodness

and usefulness which we should like to fulfil. Help us, and hasten us, O God of our life. Strengthen us to strive after the things which in our best moments we see and love. So, when the hour of our departure comes, it shall find us watching, enriched with treasures of which death cannot rob us, and ready for all thy perfect will. Not of our worthiness, but of thy mercy, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, hear our prayer. *Amen.*

John Hunter.

VIII

For Working Men.

O God, thou mightiest worker of the universe, source of all strength and author of all unity, we pray thee for our brothers, the industrial workers of the nation. As their work binds them together in toil and danger, may their hearts be knit together in a strong sense of their common interests and destiny. Help them to realize that the injury of one is the concern of all, and that the welfare of all must be the aim of every one. If any of them is tempted to sell the birthright of his class for a mess of pottage for himself, give him a wider outlook and a nobler sympathy with his fellows. Teach them to keep step in a steady onward march, and in their own way to fulfil the law of Christ by bearing the common burdens.

Grant the organizations of labour quiet patience and prudence in all disputes, and fairness to see the

other side. Save them from malice and bitterness. Save them from the headlong folly which ruins a fair cause, and give them wisdom resolutely to put aside the two-edged sword of violence that turns on those who seize it. Raise up for them still more leaders of able mind and large heart, and give them grace to follow the wiser counsel.

When they strive for leisure and health and a better wage, do thou grant their cause success, and teach them to use it in building fairer homes and a nobler manhood. Grant all classes of our nation a larger comprehension for the aspirations of Labour and for the courage and worth of these our brothers, that we may cheer them in their struggles and understand them even in their sins. And may the upward climb of Labour, its defeats and its victories, bless all classes of our nation, and build up a great body of workers, strong of limb, clear of mind, fair in temper, glad to labour, conscious of their worth, and striving together for the final brotherhood of all men. *Amen.*

Walter Rauschenbusch, 1909.

IX.

Ut Omnes Unum Sint.

O God, who hast made of one blood all the nations of mankind, so that all are children and members one of another, how is it that we are so slow to trace the family likeness, so reluctant to claim our common kinship? We pray thee, O our God, to make the peoples one.

We pray for the Church of Christ so broken, scattered and dismembered, that none would think we followed all one Lord and held a common faith. Purge away the vanity, intolerance, and unforgiving spirit which has kept us far apart. May the seamless robe not be utterly rent nor the body any longer broken.

We pray that since man's need is one, we all may find the one way to thee, the one God. Forbid that in our highest things we should find fellowship impossible. May the spirit of Christ break down all barriers and answer the desire of all nations.

We pray for a union so deep and universal that it shall gather all within one fold: those who pray and those who cannot; those whose faith is firm, and those whose doubt is slow to clear. May we never be content with aught that excludes another from the fullness of thy grace, a single soul from the welcome of thy heart. *Amen.*

W. E. Orchard, 1913.

PART IV

COLLECTS AND SHORT PRAYERS

Collects and Short Prayers.

PRAYERS OF APPROACH TO GOD.

Let God be glorified and let him be exalted this day and for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. . . .

Lord, I believe in thee, help thou mine unbelief; I love thee, yet not with a perfect heart as I would; I long for thee, yet not with my full strength; I trust in thee, yet not with my whole mind. Accept my faith, my love, my longing to know and serve thee, my trust in thy power to keep me. What is cold do thou kindle, what is lacking do thou make up. I wait thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Malcolm Spencer.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Gregorian*) *Book of Common Prayer.*

O Lord, our God, great, eternal, wonderful in glory, who keepest covenant and promise for those that love thee with their whole heart, who art the life of all, the help of those that flee unto thee, the hope of

those who cry unto thee; cleanse us from our sins, and from every thought displeasing to thy goodness, that with a pure heart and a clean mind, with perfect love and calm hope, we may venture confidently and fearlessly to pray unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Coptic Liturgy of St. Basil, 4th cent.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer, 1549.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father; help us as we seek through our prayers to draw near unto thee; to bow our wills to thine, and to yield our spirits to the influence of thy Holy Spirit. Help us as we would worship thine eternal goodness; meditate on the unwearied mercy of which we are constant partakers; confess our shortcomings and sins, and give ourselves up to be led by thee in the ways of purity and peace. In thine infinite love be found of our seeking. *Amen.*

Devotional Services.

MORNING.

O Lord, our God, who hast bidden the light to shine out of darkness, who hast again wakened us to praise thy goodness and ask for thy grace; accept now, in thy endless mercy, the sacrifice of thy worship and thanksgiving, and grant unto us all such requests as may be wholesome for us. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs of thy everlasting inheritance. Remember, O Lord, according to the multitude of thy mercies, thy whole Church; all who join with us in prayer, all our brethren, by land or sea or wherever they may be in thy vast kingdom, who stand in need of thy grace and succour. Pour out upon them the riches of thy mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, may ever praise thy wonderful and holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Greek Church Liturgy, 4th cent.

Be thou within me, Lord, to purify me; above me to draw me up; beneath me, to sustain me; before me, to lead me; behind me, to restrain me; round about me, to protect me. *Amen.*

St. Patrick's Breastplate, 5th cent. (adapted).

Lord, thou knowest how busy I must be to day—if I forget thee do not thou forget me. *Amen.*

Lord Astley at the Battle of Edgehill, 1642.

O make thy way plain before our face; support us this day under all the difficulties we shall meet with. We offer ourselves to thee, O God, this day to do in us, and with us, as to thee seems most meet; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bishop Wilson, 17th cent.

O Lord, we beseech thee, listen now to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy Name. Prosper us, we pray thee, this day in our work. Help us ever to remember that thou art a God at hand, that no secret place is hidden from thee, but that all our thoughts and words, and actions, are seen and known by thee. Let us not go about with sadness or fear among men, but may we be a benediction to every one we meet, always making life easier, never harder, for those who come within our influence. Help us to be as Christ to others, that they may see something of his love in our lives, and learn to love him in us. We beseech thee to hear us, to receive our prayer, and to forgive our sins; for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O. H. C. 1880, *and J. R. Miller.*

The day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the man, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces; let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day; bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonoured, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep. *Amen.*

R. L. Stevenson.

Thou knowest, O heavenly Father, the duties that lie before me this day, the dangers that may confront me, the sins that most beset me. Guide me, strengthen me, protect me.

Give me thy life in such abundance that I may this day hold my soul in thy pure light. Give me thy power that I may become a power for righteousness among my fellows. Give me thy love, that all lesser things may have no attraction for me; that selfishness, impurity, and falseness may drop away as dead desires, holding no meaning for me. Let me find thy power, thy love, thy life, in all mankind, and in the secret places of my own soul. *Amen.*

Mabel Dearmer.

Sunday.

O God, who givest us not only the day for labour and the night for rest, but also the peace of this blessed day; grant, we beseech thee, that its quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things, and refresh and strengthen us to finish the work which thou hast given us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

James Martineau, 19th cent.

O Master of the household, who hast given all the world for a home to thy children, look with mercy upon all those who in every place this day come to thee with prayer and praise, nor forget those others who to-day forget thee. Give us part, we

beseech thee, with them in the worship that goes up from all thy creation, and graciously hear our prayers for those who neglect to pray for themselves, that they all, with us, may be protected by thy mercy and upheld by thy power. *Amen.*

J. Leslie Johnston.

EVENING.

O Lord, our God, refresh us with quiet sleep when we are wearied with the day's work; that being assisted with the help which our weakness needs, we may be devoted to thee both in body and mind: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Leonine Sacramentary, 5th–7th centuries.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

(*Gelasian*) *Book of Common Prayer.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(*Gelasian*) *Book of Common Prayer.*

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night so that we who are fatigued by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may repose upon thine eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gelasian Sacramentary, 5th–7th centuries.

Before we go to rest, we would commit ourselves to God's care through Christ, beseeching him to forgive us for all our sins of this day past, and to keep alive his grace in our hearts, and to cleanse us from all sin, pride, harshness, and selfishness, and to give us the spirit of meekness, humility, firmness and love. O Lord, keep thyself present to us ever, and perfect thy strength in our weakness. Take us and ours under thy blessed care this night and evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thomas Arnold, 19th cent.

Our Father, as we turn to the comfort of our rest, we remember those who must wake that we may sleep. Bless the guardians of peace who protect us against men of evil will, the watchers who save us from the terrors of fire, and all the many who carry on through the hours of the night the restless commerce of men on sea and land. We thank thee for their faithfulness and sense of duty. We pray for thy pardon if our covetousness or luxury makes their nightly toil necessary. Grant that we may realize how dependent the safety of our loved ones and the comforts of our life are on these our brothers, that so we may think of them with love and gratitude and help to make their burden lighter. *Amen.*

Walter Rauschenbusch.

O Lord God, I pray that I may endeavour by my daily life to accept thy friendship and love, which thou art ever ready to give, but which I am never

ready to receive Make me, not what I should like to be, but what thou desirest me to be, who art above everything and every person. Teach me to rest in thee and have strength for my daily life from the knowledge of thy love and power protecting me. Enable me to realize that thou art giving me thyself, and do thou help me to accept and use so wonderful a gift. *Amen.*

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

(*4th cent.*) *Book of Common Prayer.*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly

thankful; and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving,
1661, *Bishop Reynolds.*

Glory to our ascended Lord, that he is with us always.

Glory to the Word of God, going forth with his armies, conquering and to conquer.

Glory to him who has led captivity captive, and given gifts for the perfecting of his saints.

Glory to him who has gone before to prepare a place in his Father's home for us.

Glory to the Author and Finisher of our Faith; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

To whom be all worship and praise, dominion and glory; now, and for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda.

O God, I thank thee for my life. I thank thee for my body, for the strength of my limbs, and for my mind. I thank thee for my soul, for the perception that feels thee near to me, and knows that my body is even now the temple of thy Holy Spirit.

I thank thee for my surroundings, for the fresh air and the sweet earth, and the love of friends. I thank

thee also for my pains and difficulties, both of body and soul, because they are the means whereby I shall attain to a clearer light and truer understanding. And, above all, I thank thee for the life and death of thy holy Son, through which by thy power we are brought to peace. *Amen.*

J. Leslie Johnston.

[Also Prayer for a Thankful Spirit on page 5, and the Thanksgiving sections throughout Part I.]

COMMEMORATION.

O God, before whose face the generations rise and pass away, the strength of those who labour and suffer, and the repose of the holy and blessed dead, we rejoice in the communion of thy saints. We remember all who have faithfully lived; all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us. Lift us into light and love; give us at last our portion with those who have trusted in thee and striven in all things to do thy holy will. And unto thy Name, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, would we ascribe all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Devotional Services.

Before thee, O heavenly Father, we remember those who have passed from our midst into the fuller light of thy eternal Presence. We thank thee for their loyalty to duty and their power of self-surrender, and for the discipline by which thou hast made them fit in a short time for the higher service in thy Kingdom. May we have the assurance of their continued fellowship in thee, and realize that there is no separation between those that love, even though converse and communion be no longer possible according to the flesh. Hear, O God our Father, the prayers that follow our beloved ones upon their unseen way, and grant that both we and they, in every condition thy

wisdom ordains, may grow and continue in the knowledge of thee which alone is eternal life. *Amen.*

John Hunter.

Of Students Fallen in the War.

We give thee humble and hearty thanks, O merciful God, for the lives and examples of thy servants; for their high ideals and aspirations in college days; for their ready response to the call of their country; for their cheerfulness and courage in the midst of suffering and danger; for their steadfastness and self-sacrifice in the hour of death. Grant unto them, O Lord, joy and peace and greater opportunities of service in the new life to which thou hast called them; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And as we bless thy holy Name for those thy servants departed this life in thy faith and love, so we beseech thee to give to us who remain grace to follow their good example, and to carry on the work which they began. Grant, O Lord, we pray thee, that the offering of their lives may not have been made in vain; that we and all thy people may hear the call to nobler living which sounds in our ears from the graves of those who have died that we might live; that we may dedicate our lives anew to the work of bringing in thy Kingdom upon earth: that so out of these years of sin and misery and loss, there may arise a better Britain and a better world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers for Special Graces and Gifts.

CONFESSION AND PENITENCE.

℣. O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us;

℟. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

The General Confession, 1552.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,

which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Communion Office*) *Book of Common Prayer.*

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Sarum*) *Book of Common Prayer.*

Forgive me my sins, O Lord—forgive me the sins of my present and the sins of my past, the sins of my soul and the sins of my body; the sins which I have done to please myself, and the sins which I have done to please others. Forgive me my wanton and idle

sins, forgive me my serious and deliberate sins, forgive me those sins which I know and those sins which I know not, the sins which I have laboured so to hide from others that I have hid them from my own memory. Forgive me them, O Lord, forgive them all. Of thy great mercy let me be absolved, and of thy bountiful goodness let me be delivered from the bands of all that by my frailty I have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Bishop Wilson.

Almighty and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, and word and deed; that we have not loved thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We beseech thee, O God, to be forgiving to what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and of thy mercy to direct what we shall be, so that the love of goodness may ever be first in our hearts and we may follow unto our life's end in the steps of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Devotional Services.

[Also Penitence sections in Part I.]

Self-Examination.

The following prayers and meditations in this book will help us to think of the character and life of our

Lord and of our own character and life in that light:—

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DEDICATION.

"Thy Will be done."

O Thou who hast taught us that we are most truly free when we lose our wills in thine, help us to gain this liberty by continual surrender unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gelasian Sacramentary.

O Thou in whom we live and move and have our being, we offer and present unto thee our souls and our bodies, our thoughts and our desires, our words and our deeds, to be a living and continual sacrifice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Professor Knight, 19th cent.

Eternal God, who committest to us the swift and solemn trust of life; since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour for serving thee is always present, may we wake to the instant claims of thy holy will, not waiting for to-morrow. Subdue by the persuasion of thy Spirit, the resistance of our passion, indolence, or fear. Consecrate with thy presence the way our feet may go. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith and hope and charity by a simple and steadfast reliance on thy sure will. In all things draw us to the mind of Christ, that thy lost image may be traced again. *Amen.*

James Martineau, 19th cent.

[Also Prayer for Discipleship on page 15.]

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT.

God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(*Gregorian*) *Book of Common Prayer.*

Almighty God, the inspirer of prophets and apostles, and of every true and good thought and feeling in all men; we would join the Christian Church throughout the world in thanking thee for the gift of thy Spirit by which thou hast enabled some in all ages to be the teachers and leaders of their brethren; and we pray thee so to pour out the same Spirit on us that we may know and understand the deep things of God, and that love and goodness and all the fruits of righteousness may abound in our lives to thy praise and glory. *Amen.*

Devotional Services.

FOR GUIDANCE AND ILLUMINATION.

"I will inform thee and teach thee in the way thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye."—Ps. xxxii.

O Thou who art the light of the minds that know thee, the life of the souls that love thee, and the strength of the hearts that serve thee; help us so to know thee that we may truly love thee; so to love thee that we may fully serve thee, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gelasian Sacramentary.

O Lord, from whom all good things do come; grant to us, thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Gelasian*) *Book of Common Prayer.*

Into thy hands, O Lord, we commend our spirits, souls and bodies, for thou hast created and redeemed them, O Lord God Almighty. Guide us and all whom we love this day with thine eye, and kindle thy light in our hearts, that thy godly knowledge increasing in us more and more, we may always be found to walk and live after thy will and pleasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*From an Ancient Collect*) *Chain of Prayer.*

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; grant us, in our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldst have us to do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prof. Bright, 19th cent.

Almighty God, who hast sent the Spirit of Truth unto us to guide us into all truth, so rule our lives by thy power, that we may be truthful in word, and deed, and thought. O keep us, most merciful Saviour, with thy gracious protection, that no fear or hope may ever make us false in act or speech. Cast out from us whatsoever loveth or maketh a lie, and bring us all into the perfect freedom of thy truth; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Bishop Westcott.

[Also Collect from the Leonine Sacramentary on page 67.]

FOR STRENGTH IN TIME OF TEMPTATION.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Gelasian*) *Book of Common Prayer.*

Almighty God, grant, we beseech thee, that we whose trust is under the shadow of thy wings may, through the help of thy power, overcome all evils that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Roman Breviary, 11th cent.

Grant, Lord, that I may never run into those temptations which in my prayers I desire to avoid. *Amen.*

Bishop Wilson.

O merciful Lord, who of thy own free goodness hast given us happy days and an abundance of good things, do not let us be corrupted with so great prosperity lest we forget the Giver in the gifts, but rather increase our love and humility; so shall we offer thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

J. Leslie Johnston.

Almighty God, give us grace to contend always for what is true and right, and to be ready if need be to suffer for it. Give us not over to any death of the soul, but rather lift us into newness of life, and let us glorify and enjoy thee for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DAILY WORK AND STUDY.

Most merciful Father, give us now thy Holy Spirit, that we may be strengthened for the work of this week; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Father John of Cronstadt, 19th cent. (adapted).

May the Spirit, O Lord, who proceedeth from thee, illuminate our minds and, as thy Son hath promised, lead us into all truth, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Gelasian Sacramentary.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, without whose help labour is useless, without whose light search is vain, invigorate my studies, and direct my inquiries, that I may, by due diligence and right discernment, establish myself and others in thy holy faith. Take not, O Lord, thy Holy Spirit from me; let not evil thoughts have dominion in my mind. Let me not linger in ignorance, but enlighten and support me, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Samuel Johnson, 18th cent.

O Lord God Almighty, who dost by thy Holy Spirit endow thy servants with manifold gifts of knowledge and skill, grant us grace to use them always for thine honour and for the service of men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Artists' Guild Prayer (altered).

Grant, O Lord, we pray thee, that as we seek for truth we may find that the search leads us to thyself. Give us courage to seek honestly and reverence to seek humbly; and when our minds are perplexed, and we cannot find thee, give us patience to go on with our daily duties; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Father of our spirits, our daily work is often so concerned with material things and forces that the spiritual world seems unreal, and our knowledge of it does not grow as does our knowledge of the material world. Teach us to look for thee in our work and daily duty, so that we may come to see thee in the wonders of nature and all the processes of physical life. And when we cannot find thee in them, and at all times, help us so to order our daily life that we may take time to approach thee and be made strong by thee. So may we find thee real and ever hold thee fast; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Books.

God of Truth, who hast guided men in knowledge throughout the ages, and from whom every good thought cometh, help us in our study to use thy gifts of wisdom and knowledge. Let us read good books carefully, and listen to all wise teaching humbly that we may be led into all truth, and strengthened in all goodness of life, to the praise of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

Rowland Williams, 19*th cent.* (*adapted*).

The Bible.

Almighty and most merciful God, who hast given the Bible to be the revelation of thy great love to man, and of thy power and will to save him; grant that our study of it may not be made in vain by the callousness or carelessness of our hearts, but that by it we may be confirmed in penitence, lifted to hope, made strong for service, and above all filled with the true knowledge of thee and of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

George Adam Smith.

FOR FAITHFULNESS AND PERSEVERANCE.

O Lord, let us not live to be useless. *Amen.*

John Wesley, 18*th cent.*

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Gelasian*) *Book of Common Prayer.*

O God, who hast commanded us to be perfect, as thou our Father in heaven art perfect; put into our hearts, we pray thee, a continual desire to obey thy holy will. Teach us day by day what thou wouldest have us do, and give us grace and power to fulfil the same. May we never from love of ease decline the path which thou dost appoint, nor, for fear of shame, turn away from it; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Henry Alford, 19*th cent.*

O faithful Lord, grant to us, we pray thee, faithful hearts devoted to thee and to the service of all men in thee. Fill us with pure love of thee, keep us steadfast in this love, give us faith that worketh by love, and preserve us faithful unto death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Christina Rossetti, 19*th cent.*

Almighty God and heavenly Father, who by thy divine Providence hast appointed for each one of us our work in life, and hast commanded that we should not be slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving thee, help us always to remember that our work is thy appointment, and to do it heartily as unto thee. Preserve us from slothfulness, and make us to live with loins girded and lamps burning that, whensoever our Lord may come, we may be found striving earnestly to perfect the work that thou hast given us to do; through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Dean Goulburn, 19th cent.

Grant, O Lord, that we may carefully watch over our tempers and every unholy feeling that by conforming to thy will in small things, we may hope, by thy protection and help, to pass safely through the great dangers and trials to which we may be exposed. *Amen.*

Devotional Services.

Almighty God, the Guide and Strength of the faithful; give us a deeper sense of thy besetting Presence. When life is difficult, when our fellow-workers fail us, when the cause we care for does not seem to prosper, when we stumble on account of our own weakness, give us courage not to despair. Meditating on thy patient will and love, may we win the spirit that brings good out of evil, victory out of defeat; through Jesus our Saviour. *Amen.*

[Also prayer of Ignatius Loyola on page 10; prayers for Steadfastness and for Fellowship in the Cross on p. 28, for Perseverance on p. 32, and for Boldness on p. 139.]

FOR PURITY.

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."—Phil. iv.

O God, mercifully grant unto us that the fire of thy love may burn up in us all things that displease thee, and make us meet for thy heavenly kingdom; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Roman Breviary, 11th cent.

Eternal God, who hast taught us by thy holy Word that our bodies are temples of thy Spirit, keep us, we most humbly beseech thee, temperate and holy in thought, word and deed, that at the last we, with all the pure in heart, may see thee, and be made like unto thee in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bishop Westcott.

Most merciful Lord, who hast taught us that the pure in heart shall see God, cleanse our hearts from all impurity. Give us such hatred of all that is evil and such love of all that is beautiful and strong that we may be delivered from temptation and become a strength to others who are tempted. *Amen.*

HUMILITY.

O Thou whose secret is with the reverent and humble soul, save us from intellectual pride and the weakness of a selfish judgment. We would see things as they are and not merely as they affect ourselves. We would see them steadily and as a whole and with thy light shining upon them. We would have a wise and modest estimate of our own power and live in full contact with all things high and true and good. Teach us our failings and faults, give us courage to acknowledge them and by thy grace enable us to overcome them. Lift us above the unstable currents of our self-will, and establish us on the rock of thy purposes. Be to each of us the secret stay and the inner guide of life. If the way be rough, may we put our hand in thine and cast away all fear. If the shadows deepen, may our trust grow deeper still. When we are tired and troubled, comfort us as thou alone knowest. May thy Spirit dwell in us more and more, that the peace of God which passeth all understanding may keep our hearts and minds. *Amen.*

John Hunter.

Heavenly Father, who dost bless the meek with a rich inheritance, make me less ready to find fault with other people and less anxious to gain their good opinion. Let not bitterness and envy take hold of me. Teach me to care only to do the thing that

pleaseth thee, so may thy loving Spirit lead me into the land of righteousness and peace. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that we may be delivered from self-consciousness and self-love. Fill our minds with the sense of the needs of others, and of thy power to supply them, so that there may be no place for any thought of our own needs and powers; through Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR PEACE OF MIND AND CONTENTMENT.

"Into thy hands I commend my self, for thou hast redeemed me, O God of truth."—Ps. xxxi.

O God, who art peace everlasting, whose chosen reward is the gift of peace, and who hast taught us that the peacemakers are thy children; pour thy peace into our souls, that everything discordant may utterly vanish, and all that makes for peace be loved and sought by us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Mozarabic*) *Divine Service.*

Lord, thou knowest what is best for me to do, according to thy will. Give me, I beseech thee, what thou wilt, as much as thou wilt and when thou wilt. Do with me in all things as thou knowest is best to be done and as it shall please thee and as may be most for thy honour; place me where thou wilt and freely do with me in all things after thy will and pleasure. Lo, I am thy servant, ready to do all things that thou commandest me; for I desire not to live to myself but to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bishop Hickes, 17*th cent.*

O Lord God, in whom we live and move and have our being, open our eyes that we may behold thy fatherly Presence ever about us. Draw our hearts to thee with the power of thy love. Teach us to be anxious for nothing; and when we have done what thou hast given us to do, help us, O God, our

Saviour, to leave the issue to thy wisdom. Take from us all doubt and mistrust. Lift our thoughts up to thee in heaven; and make us to know that all things are possible to us through thy Son, our Redeemer. *Amen.*

Bishop Westcott.

Grant, O Lord, as thou hast cast our lot in a fair ground, that we may show forth contentment by rejoicing in the things thou hast given us, and by using to the full our opportunities of service. In hours of hardship preserve us from self-pity, and endow us with the warrior's mind, that even in the heat of the battle we may be inspired with the sense of vocation and win the peace of the victor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Per Christum Vinces.

O Lord God and Father, thou knowest how blind we are to thy presence, how dead to thy purpose and deaf to thy call; grant us to feel thy guiding hand through all the scattered details of our daily life, in all the tumult to hear thy still small voice, and in all dimness of our spirits to have a sense of thine everlasting arms upbearing us, so that, being willing to spend and be spent in thy service, we may accomplish all that thou wouldest, and at the last find fulfilment in the perfect freedom of thy sole sovereignty. *Amen*

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FOR A CHEERFUL SPIRIT.

Let us serve God and be cheerful for his honour and glory. *Amen.*

Bishop Hacket, 17*th cent.*

O Thou, who art the sun of righteousness and the light eternal, giving gladness to all things, shine upon us both now and ever that we may be glad and cheerful in thee. *Amen.*

Ancient Collect (*adapted*).

O Lord, renew our spirits and draw our hearts unto thyself, that our work may not be to us a burden, but a delight; and give us such a mighty love to thee as may sweeten all our obedience. O, let us not serve thee with the spirit of bondage as slaves but with the cheerfulness and gladness of children, delighting ourselves in thee and rejoicing in thy work. *Amen.*

Benjamin Jenks, 1646.

HEALTH AND HOLIDAYS.

"All my fresh springs are in thee."—Ps. lxxxvii.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who in our tribulation are yet of good cheer because of thy loving-kindness, may find thee mighty to save in all dangers; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Roman Breviary, 11*th cent.*

May Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, help us to make the right use of all the suffering that comes to us, and offer to him the incense of a patient and trustful heart; for his Name's sake. *Amen.*

John Tauler, 12*th cent.* (*adapted*).

O God, our Father, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, grant us such health of body as thou knowest to be needful for us; that we may evermore serve thee with all our strength and might and be a comfort to our fellows; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bishop Cosin, 16*th cent.* (*adapted*).

Heavenly Father, the source of all refreshment, be with us and all who are enjoying rest and holiday at this time. May the enjoyment draw us closer to thee and deepen our sympathy with those who are denied these thy gifts by the injustice of the social order. Help us to see thee in the beauty and majesty of nature, and grant us on our return renewed strength in body and mind to carry on our work; through Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR LOVE.

"Father, may the love wherewith thou lovest Me be in them, and I in them."—ST. JOHN xvii.

Our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our ways; and the Lord make us to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, to the end he may stablish our hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. *Amen.*

St. Paul.

O God who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(*Gelasian*) *Book of Common Prayer.*

Almighty and most merciful Father, who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, give us also grace that we may fulful it. Make us gentle, courteous, and forbearing. Direct our lives so that we may look each to the good of the other in word and deed. And hallow all our friendships by the blessing of thy Spirit; for his sake who loved us, and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bishop Westcott.

Blessed Lord, who for our sakes wast content to bear sorrow, and want and death, grant unto us such a measure of thy Spirit that we may follow thee in all self-denial and tenderness of soul. Help us by thy great love to succour the afflicted, to relieve the needy and destitute, to share the burdens of the heavy laden, and ever to see thee in all who are poor and desolate. *Amen.*

Bishop Westcott.

O God, who givest to all thy children liberally and upbraidest not, preserve us from all envy of the good of others and from every kind of jealousy; teach us to be thankful for what they have and we have not, and to delight in what they can and we cannot achieve. Remove from our souls every root of bitterness, and fill us more completely with thy love; through him by whom thou hast promised to supply all our need, Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Per Christum Vinces.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, withhold not from those who have done us evil anything that may be good for them; but of thy grace minister unto them and us, that we may live in charity with each other and all men, to the praise of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

Devotional Services.

O Jesus, our Master, who didst show unfailing patience and generosity in thy judgment of the people round thee, forgive us the careless criticism and the

unkind gossip which cause so much suffering to others. Save us from the habit of harbouring malicious or revengeful thoughts against those who have wronged us. Help us to think and speak of every one with fairness. Show us how to find the best in them and, having found, to use it: that we may be perfect, even as our Father in heaven is perfect. We ask it for thy sake. *Amen.*

[Also prayer from Pocket Manual of Prayers, 1860, on page 6, and prayer on page 54.]

Intercessions for Various Subjects and Occasions.

THE CHURCH.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence, carry out the work of man's salvation; and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, that those things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Gelasian Sacramentary.

O God, the source of all good gifts, we thank thee for the rich heritage which is ours in thy Holy Catholic Church. As we realize how much thou hast done for us already we believe that thou hast also much to give and teach us in our own time. Grant that thy Church may never settle down into mere contentment with the traditions of the past. Grant that it may be alive to all new movements of thy Spirit in the hearts and minds of men. May it stand always for the removal of injustice and the vindication of righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O God, who didst call thy Church to be the pillar and ground of the truth, grant that we, who call ourselves Christians, may really love and follow truth.

Save us from sloth and dishonesty of thought. May we never turn away from any question, because we do not know, or fear to give the answer. May we never regard as enemies of truth those whose studies lead them to differ from ourselves. Help us to read and think and work with courage and humility, believing that if we seek truth we shall not lack the guidance of thy Spirit. *Amen.*

O God, our Shepherd, give to the Church a new vision and a new charity, new wisdom and fresh understanding, the revival of her brightness and the renewal of her unity; that the eternal message of thy Son, undefiled by the traditions of men, may be hailed as the good news of the new age; through him who maketh all things new, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Percy Dearmer.

For Unity.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of peace, give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that as there is but one body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may, with one mind and one mouth, glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Liturgy of St. James, 2nd cent.

O God of peace, who through thy Son Jesus Christ didst set forth one faith for the salvation of mankind, send thy grace and heavenly blessing upon all Christian people who are striving to draw nearer to thee and to each other, in the unity of the spirit and in the bond of peace. Give us penitence for our divisions, wisdom to know thy truth, courage to do thy will, love which shall break down the barriers of pride and prejudice, and an unswerving loyalty to thy holy Name. Suffer us not to shrink from any endeavour, which is in accordance with thy will, for the peace and unity of thy Church. Give us boldness to seek only thy glory and the advancement of thy Kingdom. Unite us all in thee as thou, O Father, with thy Son and the Holy Spirit, art one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Bishop Anderson,
Faith and Order Conference Manual.

The Ministry.

Spirit of the Living God, Source of light and life, who in the days of old, when men were wandering in the mist of their own thoughts, spake to them by prophets and guided them through apostles into the way of righteousness and truth: we beseech thee to raise up in these difficult days an increasing number of wise and faithful men, filled with prophetic fire and apostolic zeal, by whose ministry the Church may be quickened and thy Kingdom greatly advanced. *Amen.*

O thou true Light, that lightest every man coming into the world, do thou in thy mercy touch the

heart and lighten the understanding of all who are preparing for thy ministry, that they may readily acknowledge and cheerfully obey all that thou wouldest have them believe and practice, to the benefit of thy people; who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Cuddesdon Manual.

Heavenly Father, the Father of all wisdom, understanding and true strength, we beseech thee look mercifully upon thy servants and send thy Holy Spirit into their hearts, that when they must join to fight in the field for the glory of thy holy Name, then they, strengthened with the defence of thy right hand, may manfully stand in the confession of thy faith and of thy truth, and continue in the same unto the end of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bishop Ridley. Martyred 1555.

[Also the prayer of Archbishop Laud on page 19.]

MISSIONS.

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off, and to them that are nigh; grant that all the peoples of the world may feel after thee and find thee; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of thy promise to pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bishop Cotton, 19th cent.

O God, thou hast made thyself known to us in Jesus Christ, and to other races thou has made thyself known in the lives of holy and inspired men. We believe that in the life and teaching of Jesus is the consummation of all truth, that thou dost mean this truth to be for all mankind, and that we are called to share it with them. But how shall we convey to others that of which we have understood so little, that which in some ways they have understood so much better than ourselves? Give us, we pray thee, such clear knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, that we may recognize it wherever we find it, and such sure hold of it that others may see it in us. *Amen.*

For Missionaries.

O Thou who dost call men and women to carry the good news of Jesus Christ to all nations, grant thy strengthening grace to all who have responded to

thy call. Give them vision to see the greatness of their service, and humility to see their own unworthiness. Guide them in all their preparation, enriching the good gifts which they already possess, and supplying those which they lack. Give them happiness and peace, insight and adaptability, courage and good judgment. Make them ready to learn as well as to teach, to receive as well as to give, that they may truly show forth Jesus, not only in their words but in their lives. *Amen.*

Lord of the nations, who hast broken down in Christ the wall of partition between Jew and Gentile, bond and free; unite the Christian people of different races in the bonds of a true brotherhood. Grant that all who go out to be witnesses of Christ in non-Christian lands may reflect his spirit of self-sacrifice and humble service, and that the young churches of those lands may grow up to a fuller stature by the glad acceptance of their help and fellowship; so that East and West, made one in Christ, may together labour for the bringing in of thy Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Medical Missionaries.

O Jesus, our Master, who didst show the love of God by healing all manner of sickness and disease, grant this same love to all the doctors and nurses who are serving thee in missionary hospitals and dispensaries, and to those who are still preparing for this service. Give them thy good gifts of wisdom and courage; may they have the joy of knowing that all

the skill and care which they devote to their work is service truly offered unto thee. Help them so to understand and meet the needs of their patients, that their hospitals may be indeed places where men may see thee working. *Amen.*

For Educational Missions.

O God, who art the goal of all knowledge and the source of all truth, who dost lead mankind towards thyself along the paths of discovery and learning, direct with thy wise Spirit the work of education in every land. Especially we would pray for those who have the difficult task of adapting western knowledge to the mind of eastern peoples. Give them insight into the needs of those whom they teach, humility to learn from their traditions, and wisdom to combine the old and the new. Above all, give them that grace and beauty of life without which all knowledge is vain. *Amen.*

Raise up, O Lord, we pray thee, men and women patient, single-minded and wise to teach in mission schools and colleges throughout the world. Grant unto them such an understanding of the spiritual possibilities of education, that they may be able to mould the character of those whom they teach after the pattern of their Master. *Amen.*

For a Missionary Campaign at Home.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who didst give thine only Son to be a propitiation for the sins of the whole world, and didst send thy Holy Spirit that the

Church should be his witness in all the earth; pour out thy Holy Spirit upon those taking part in this campaign, and open the hearts of the hearers to receive thy message delivered by them; so that a stronger and wiser interest in missionary work may be aroused at home, and thy Kingdom advanced abroad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Also prayer for members of the Student Volunteer Missionary Union on page 156.]

MY NEIGHBOUR.

O Maker of us men, who hast set us in no strange land, but surrounded our life with familiar things and well-known faces, we pray for all those amongst whom we live, our neighbours and acquaintances and those amongst whom we work, as well as our best friends and near relations. We cheerfully commit them all to thy favour and care; pardon their sins, preserve them from all dangers of body and soul; and grant that we and they may ever dwell with thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

J. Leslie Johnston.

Absent Friends.

O Lord of Love, who art not far from any of thy children, watch with thy care those who are far away from us; be thou about their path; be thou within their hearts; be thou their defence upon their right hand. Give them unfailing trust in thee; grant them power against temptation; qualify them for whatever task thou givest them to do; deliver them from the snare of setting duty aside; make it their joy to do thy will. Let not distance break the bonds of love which bind them to us and to thee, but knit us closer in thy love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Bishop Boyd Carpenter.

O God, who art everywhere present, look down in thy all-seeing love upon those who are absent from

among us; give thy holy angels charge over them to keep them in all their ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

R. M. Benson, 19th cent.

Those in Trouble.

O Thou whose presence is everywhere and whose mercy never faileth, graciously regard all who are in trouble or danger, and especially those known to ourselves (whom we now name in our hearts before thee). Guide the wanderer, defend the innocent, restore the lost, heal the sick, comfort the bereaved, and receive the spirits of the dying. *Amen.*

Devotional Services.

Lord Jesus, we beseech thee, by the loneliness of thy suffering on the Cross, be nigh unto all them that are desolate and in pain or sorrow to-day; and let thy presence transform their loneliness into comfort, consolation, and holy fellowship with thee, thou pitiful Saviour. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda.

[Aso prayer for Children on page 53.]

THE LIFE OF THE NATION AND EMPIRE.

O Lord, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

(*Gelasian*) *Book of Common Prayer.*

For the Kingdom of God.

O Christ, thou hast bidden us pray for the coming of thy Father's Kingdom, in which his righteous will shall be done on earth. We have treasured thy words, but we have forgotten their meaning, and thy great hope has grown dim in thy Church. We bless thee for the inspired souls of all ages who saw afar the shining city of God, and by faith left the profit of the present to follow their vision. We rejoice that to-day their hope is becoming the clear faith of millions. Help us, O Lord, in the courage of faith to seize what has now come so near, that the glad day of God may dawn at last. As we have mastered nature that we might gain wealth, help us now to master the social relations of mankind that we may gain justice and a world of brothers.

Make us determined to live by truth and not by lies, to found our common life on the eternal foundations of righteousness and love, and no longer to prop the tottering house of wrong by legalized cruelty and force. Help us to make the welfare of all the supreme law of our land, that so our commonwealth may be built strong and secure on the love of all its citizens. Our Master, once more we make thy faith our prayer: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth." *Amen.*

Walter Rauschenbusch.

The Nation.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, bless our country and empire that it may be a blessing to the world; grant that our ideals and aspirations may be in accordance with thy will, and help us to see ourselves as others see us. Keep us from hypocrisy in feeling or action. Grant us sound government and just laws, good education, and a clean press, simplicity and justice in our relations with one another, and, above all, a spirit of service which will abolish pride of place and inequality of opportunity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, thou great Ruler of all the world, strengthen the sense of duty in our political life. Grant that the servants of the state may feel more deeply that any diversion of their public powers for private ends is a betrayal of their country. Purge our cities and our nation of the deep causes of

corruption which have so often made sin profitable and uprightness hard. Bring to an end the stale days of party cunning. Breathe a new spirit into all our nation. Lift us from the dust and mire of the past that we may gird ourselves for a new day's work. Give our leaders a new vision of the possible future of our country and set their hearts on fire with large resolves. Raise up a new generation of public men, who will have the faith and daring of the Kingdom of God in their hearts, and who will enlist for life in a holy warfare for the freedom and rights of the people. *Amen.*

Walter Rauschenbusch.

O Lord, thou God of righteousness and truth, grant to our King and his government, to members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility the guidance of thy Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals, but always love righteousness and truth; so may thy Kingdom be advanced. *Amen.*

Lord, we pray thee for the electors in this country. May they not be led away by plausible talk and party passion or shallow sentiment, but exercise calm and wise judgment, and choose faithful and upright men to represent them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Faith and Labour.

O Thou, who hast perfectly revealed the will of God and the true nature of man, we pray for the men and women who are giving their lives to improve the lot

of their comrades, and have been turned from thee by the poverty of our discipleship. Forgive us, and help us to learn thy will from them; and grant them to realize the eternal value of thy word and life. Thus may we both be united in the fellowship and service of thy Kingdom to the glory of thy Name. *Amen.*

Industry and Commerce.

Lord, I pray:

That men may increasingly work together in agreement, doing things that are sane to do, with mutual helpfulness, temperance and toleration;

That the great masses of humanity may rise out of base and immediate anxieties, out of dwarfing pressures and cramped surroundings, to understanding and participation and fine effort;

That the resources of the earth may be husbanded and harvested, economized and used with scientific skill for the maximum of human benefit;

That towns and cities may be finely built and men and women finely bred and taught and trained;

That there may be open ways and peace and freedom from end to end of the earth;

That through the great body of mankind may go evermore an increasing common understanding, an intensifying brotherhood. *Amen.*

Prayers for the City of God.

O God, we pray thee for those who are pressed by the cares and beset by the temptations of business life. We acknowledge before thee our common guilt for the hardness and deceitfulness of industry and

trade. May thy Spirit which is ceaselessly pleading within us, prevail at last to bring our business life under Christ's law of service, so that all who share in the processes of factory and trade may become conscious of a divine calling and may consciously devote their strength to the common good. *Amen.*

Walter Rauschenbusch (*adapted*).

For our City.

O God, grant us a vision of our city, fair as she might be; a city of justice, where none shall prey on others; a city of plenty, where vice and poverty shall cease to fester; a city of brotherhood, where all success shall be founded on service, and honour shall be given to nobleness alone; a city of peace, where order shall not rest on force, but on the love of all for the city, the great mother of the common life and weal. Hear thou, O Lord, the silent prayer of all our hearts as we each pledge our time and strength and thought to speed the day of her coming beauty and righteousness. *Amen.*

Walter Rauschenbusch.

Medical Service.

Lord Jesus Christ, who hast power of life and death, of health and sickness, give power, wisdom and gentleness to all physicians and surgeons, nurses and watchers by the sick, that always bearing about thy presence with them, they may not only heal but bless, and shine as lamps of hope in the darkest hours of distress and fear; who with the Father and the

Holy Spirit livest and reignest ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

Per Christum Vinces.

For Women.

O heavenly Father, who knowest all our needs, bless the women of all nations and give them strength for the new burdens which have been laid upon them in this time. Increase thy gifts of knowledge and understanding, of counsel and strength, that they may walk worthy of their vocation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Per Christum Vinces.

[Also prayer from French Coronation Order, 18th cent., on page 23, and prayers on pages 14 and 46.]

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose Son, Jesus Christ came to cast fire upon the earth; grant that by the prayers of thy faithful people, a fire of burning zeal may be kindled and pass from heart to heart, till all our hardness is melted in the warmth of thy love; through him who loved us and gave himself for us, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers for the City of God.

Overrule, we pray thee, O God, the passions and designs of men. Let thy strong hand control the nations and bring forth out of the present discord a harmony more perfect than we can conceive, a new humility, a new understanding, a new purity, and sincerity, a new sense of reality, a new hunger and thirst for thy love to rule on the earth. *Amen.*

Per Christum Vinces.

Grant, O Lord,

That we may approach every question of foreign policy from the point of sight of our creed;

That we may check in ourselves and in others every temper which makes for war, all ungenerous judgments, all presumptuous claims, all promptings of self-assertion, the growths of ignorance and passion;

That we may endeavour to understand the needs, the feelings, the endowments, the traditional aspirations of other countries;

That we may do gladly, unweariedly, patiently, what lies in us to remove suspicions and misunderstandings;

That we may honour all men. *Amen.*

Bishop Westcott.

For the League of Nations.

Almighty God, who dost call all nations into thy Kingdom and in whose sight all men are equal, we beseech thee to draw together all peoples of the world in the League of Nations. Destroy the influences, secret and open, which are fighting against it. Cleanse diplomacy and commerce from all that is base and mean. In the dealings of nation with nation, and men with men, may good will and respect of others take the place of jealousy and war. Banish cynicism and bring back hope. Increase our faith in one another and in the power of thy righteous will; so may justice, mercy and peace prevail among the nations, and thy Name be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

STUDENTS AND THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who on the night of thy passion didst pray to thy Father that all they who believe on him through thee might be perfected into one. We pray thee to pour thy Spirit upon the students of all nations that they may consecrate themselves to thy service, even as thou for their sakes didst consecrate thyself; and so, being joined together by their common faith and obedience, they may come more perfectly to love and understand one another, that the world may know that thou hast been sent by the Father to be the Saviour and Lord of all men; who livest and reignest, one God world without end. *Amen.*

P. H. Loyd.

Almighty and ever-loving God, by whose Spirit we are taught knowledge and wisdom in all goodness, grant thy blessing we beseech thee to all students, both men and women, and enable them to labour diligently and faithfully, to set thy holy Will ever before them, and to do that which is well-pleasing in thy sight. Kindle and keep alive in their hearts the holy fire of faith and love, that they may shine as lights in the world and be helpers of each other's joy and victory over evil; to the glory of thy Name. *Amen.*

The Student Movement.

Almighty and most merciful God, we most humbly praise and bless thy Name for the many blessings

bestowed upon the World's Student Christian Federation. We pray thee still to prosper its work, and graciously to use it for the fulfilment of thy purposes in the establishment of peace among all nations, the restoration of visible unity to thy Church, the removal of all social injustice, and the evangelization of the whole world.

Give wisdom, faith and courage to all who direct its policy, keep in health and safety those who work and travel for it; and grant that by its means the students in all lands may be brought into relations of sympathy and love with one another, and may earnestly and wisely unite in thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

P. H. Loyd.

Almighty and most loving Father, we humbly beseech thee for thy blessing upon the Student Christian Movement. We pray thee to give faith and wisdom to all who plan its work; that nothing may be undertaken except with firm confidence in thy help and with a whole-hearted desire for thy honour and glory. And to all its members grant an unfailing spirit of love and fellowship, that we may ourselves burn with zeal for thy service and kindle in the hearts of others a like desire; that so their lives may be gladly spent for the advancement of thy Kingdom in this and every land; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

P. H. Loyd.

For Student Volunteers.

Almighty and most merciful God, pour out, we pray thee, abundantly upon the students in our universities and colleges the gift of thy Holy Spirit, that many among them may in these days hear thy voice and offer themselves for the service of thy Church in foreign lands. Unto all whom thou hast already called to this service do thou give so plentifully of thy grace that they may be increased in faith, lifted to hope, made strong in love, empowered to witness for thee. Above all, fill them with the true knowledge of thee, and of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Foreign Students.

O God the Father of all mankind, we would remember before thee the men and women who come from many lands to study in our universities. Guide and protect them in the difficulties and temptations which beset them in their new surroundings. Keep alive in their hearts the love of all that is good in their home life, and give them also insight to appreciate and share that which is good in ours. Pardon the faults of temper and manners by which we so often offend them; and grant unto us true humility, love and patience that we may welcome them in the spirit of the Master whom we desire to serve. *Amen.*

For the Student Movement House.

We would remember before thee, O Lord, the Student Movement House, and the men in memory

of whom it was established; praying thee to accept and bless it, and to use it in all things according to thy will. May thy presence be ever within its walls; may it stand always to witness for all that is true and noble and lovely and of good report. May its influence draw men and women of all races nearer to each other and to thee. May thy holy Spirit rest upon those who shall direct its use, and upon all who shall come in and out of it; so that all that is done in it may be acceptable to thee. And grant that in the years to come many may bless thee for the day when it was dedicated in thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Also prayer for the Federation on page 38.]

THE WORK OF THE MOVEMENT.

A Prayer for a College.

O God our heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we beseech thee to bestow thy blessing on our University (College). We praise thee for the heritage into which we have entered, and pray thee to make us worthy to maintain and strengthen all that is good in our traditions.

Give to all who work here the true love of knowledge which makes all study a discovery and a joy. May the spirit of loyalty and devotion bind us all more closely together, that we may labour not for our own advantage, but for the common good.

May thy wisdom guide and prosper our work and games, our clubs and societies, that we may grow in the love of all that is true and honest and of good report. And when we go out into the world may we carry with us the ideal and the power of service, which thou dost give us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Retreat.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst say to thy disciples, Come ye apart and rest awhile; grant, we beseech thee, to thy servants now gathered together so to seek thee, whom our souls desire to love, that we may both find thee and be found of thee; and grant such love and such wisdom to accompany the words which shall be spoken in thy

Name, that they may not fall to the ground, but may be helpful in leading us onward to thy perfect service; who livest and reignest, God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

R. M. Benson (adapted).

A Meeting.

Almighty God, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, may our speaking and hearing at this time be to the increase of faith, hope and love. May all that is untrue perish in the speaking, and all that is true be preserved for our use and thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Devotional Services.

A Conference.

O thou Master of men, whom to see is to love and whom to know is eternal life. In thy life we see all those things which we fain would be. Draw near to us now as we would come near to thee. In these days of conference may the influence of thy gracious Spirit be with us enabling us to surrender ourselves to thy love and thy service. And when we go down from here may the vision not fade, and our loyalty not slacken. Abide with us. So shall we grow daily into the likeness of thy Spirit. *Amen.*

For a Christian Union.

Bless, O Lord, we pray thee, the work of the Christian Union in our College. Help all of us who

are members to realize our responsibilty for its well-being, and to take our fair share in its life. Enable us to bring the spirit of Christ into all our common duties, and into every relationship of college life. And give us grace so to grow daily in his love and power that others may see in our Union not us but him. *Amen.*

God of love, let thy gracious Spirit dwell in us who are called by the name of thy beloved Son. Help us to love and enjoy our fellows as he did. In all our relations with them may we have more and more his insight and wisdom, his tenderness and courage. If we are asked to give advice and feel our inexperience do thou guide our judgment. Teach us when to be silent and when to speak. Above all, grant that those among whom we live and work may come to trust in thy guiding Spirit and in thy love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For any Undertaking.

Almighty God, the giver of all good things, without whose help all labour is insufficient, and without whose grace all wisdom is folly; grant, we beseech thee, that in this our undertaking, thy Holy Spirit may not be withheld from us, but that we may promote thy glory, and the coming of thy Kingdom. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Samuel Johnson.

APPENDICES

Appendix I.

On the Use of this Book.

A book of prayers may be a most valuable aid in the development of the spiritual life: it may also be a snare and a delusion. Wisely used, it encourages a habit of regular devotion; it suggests new ideas; it provides something to fall back on when our own resources are exhausted and the effort to pray seems almost beyond our power. Unwisely used, it is often a quick and easy way of cultivating that spirit of formalism which is the deadliest enemy of true prayer.

A book compiled by others cannot fully meet our own needs. This means that we must learn to make its prayers our own, to modify and adapt them, to follow up particular ideas, to fill the familiar words with ever fresh meanings.

A few illustrations from the contents of this book may serve to make the point clearer. The daily services for a week are, for the most part, outlines intended to suggest topics for thought and meditation. Their general form makes them suitable for corporate use, but their value can be greatly enhanced if pauses are made here and there to allow those present to insert their own petitions or to make their contribution of penitence or worship. It would be well not to follow the forms too slavishly; and a little thought will supply new ideas and phrases which

will prevent them becoming too stereotyped. Or they may be supplemented by the use of prayers from the collection in Part IV., and by additional suggestions in the form of bidding prayers.

But the best way to acquire the use of such a book for the purpose of corporate devotion is first to set oneself to learn in the school of private meditation. Outlines of prayers and litanies are good things in themselves, but they become infinitely more fruitful when used as the starting point for quiet thought and contemplation. It is difficult to lay down any rules for others as to how this should be done, because here, more perhaps than anywhere else, comes in the need for individual experiment and practice; but it may be possible to make a few general suggestions.

One object at least of meditation is to lift our thought from the details of our daily life, our needs and ambitions, our friends and work, and to fix them on the vision of God revealed in Jesus Christ —to climb from the dull levels of daily petition, with its narrow horizon and limited view, up to the great open wind-swept spaces of God's power and love.

As a starting point we may take, as was suggested, some clauses from a book of prayers; or we may use those pages from the Bible and the classics of religious literature, which seem most naturally to draw our thoughts in this direction. And then we should let our minds dwell upon them, seeking to enter more deeply into the meaning of the writer and to share the experience which lies behind them. Such a method, if difficult to describe, is no less difficult to

practise. It requires time and patience, and the disciplining of our thought and imagination. But its reward is great, for it is the way by which we come to the attainment of that joy and spontaneity which is the well-spring of true prayer.

Appendix II.

On other Devotional Books.

The spiritual life is many-sided and catholic. This little book, though we hope that it represents more aspects than one, does not fully represent every side. The following list of other collections and of the classics of the devotional life may therefore not be out of place. We have thought it better to include books of prayers and books on the devotional life in one list. Many, we would add, receive as much help from the reading of the biographies of great men as from the study of the devotional writings of the saints. The field of religious biography is large and various—having called attention to its value in this context, we pass on.

1. *List of Devotional Books.*

"The Confessions of St. Augustine."[1]

"The Little Flowers of St. Francis."[1]

"Imitation of Christ." Thomas à Kempis.[1]

"The Thoughts of Pascal."[1]

"Sacra Privata." Bishop Wilson.[1]

"A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life."[1] William Law.

"The Revelations of Julian of Norwich."[1]

"Preces Privatae." Bishop Andrewes.[1]

[1] These may be found in Methuen's "Library of Devotion," an attractive, convenient and inexpensive edition. In the same series there are some admirable selections such as "A Little Book of Heavenly Wisdom," or "Life, Light and Love."

"Theologia Germanica." Translated by C. Winkworth. (Macmillan: Golden Treasury.)

"The Spiritual Combat." Laurence Scupoli. Translated. (Oxford University Press.)

"The Life of God in the Soul of Man." Henry Scougal—a Scottish Presbyterian of the seventeenth century. (Collins.)

"The Practice of the Presence of God." Br. Lawrence. (Allenson & Co.)

"Holy Living and Holy Dying." Jeremy Taylor. (Longmans.)

"Pilgrim's Progress." John Bunyan. (Everyman Series.)

"The Christian Year." John Keble. (Longmans.)

"The Diary of an Old Soul." George Macdonald. (Dent.)

2. *Recent Collections of Prayers.*

"A Chain of Prayer across the Ages." Compiled by Dr. Selina Fox. (Murray.) A most comprehensive collection.

"Building the Walls." (Macmillan & Co.) Short and well-chosen.

"Devotional Services for Public Worship." Prepared by the Rev. J. Hunter, D.D. (Dent.) Contains much that is suited to private use.

"The Temple." By the Rev. W. E. Orchard, D.D. (Dent.) A volume of prayers.

"Divine Service for Public Worship." (Frowde.) Contains many ancient collects and a most useful index, giving sources.

"Prayers for the City of God. Compiled by the Rev. G. C. Binyon. (Longmans.) Arranged for catholic use.

"Prayers of the Social Awakening." By Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch. (Pilgrim Press, Boston, U.S.A.) Prayers on social subjects—non-liturgical in form.

Appendix III.

Suggested Subjects for Missionary Intercessions.

[The following list of subjects has been prepared to help those who have to take Missionary Intercession Services. It should be used and considered as a supplement to the service of Intercession printed in Part II. of this book. Other missionary prayers will be found in Part IV., pages 140–3.]

The worker in the Mission field, tried by physical strain, lack of mental stimulus and spiritual dejection.

The indigenous Churches in the several regions of the Mission field, their growth in responsibility, unity and devotion. The need for wisdom and humility in adjusting the relations between the Western missions and the native Churches to suit the changing conditions.

The progress of evangelistic work.

The progress of educational missions; a higher standard of education, and a firmer witness on the part of Christian colleges and schools.

The work of medical missionaries in hospitals and dispensaries and in itinerating; and the responsible task of creating in the medical missionary colleges a new medical profession in Eastern lands.

An increase of output and an improvement in the quality of Christian literature in the Mission field.

The wider use of art and music in the work of missions, and the development of a Christian worship intimately adapted to the life of the Eastern countries.

That Christians in the different countries may take

the lead in applying Christian standards to the social and economic problems of the day.

That the Christian Church may show true sympathy with national aspirations in many lands, and that its members may take their full share in national service of every kind.

The growth of co-operation and comity among missionary bodies at home and abroad.

The Student Volunteer Missionary Union in Great Britain and Ireland, the United States, the Colonies, on the Continent of Europe and the East, and its work in recruiting men and women students of the right spiritual temper and quality for the work of the missionary.

That in these years of change the whole missionary movement may be filled with the spirit of Jesus Christ so that it may go forward in humility, service and love.

Appendix IV.

Christian Union Services.

In some universities and colleges which have no chapel, the Christian Union arranges a Sunday meeting or service at an hour which does not prevent members attending church. The success of these services depends largely on the amount of thought and care given to their arrangement and order. The aim of the following notes is not to promote a stereotyped order, but to suggest both the kind of details which ought to be thought out beforehand, and also an order of service which might be taken as a model.

Arrangements. 1. Secure a pleasant, bright room or hall, not larger than will comfortably hold the meeting. Have the chairs, etc., tidily arranged beforehand.

2. Secure a good piano and some one person who will be responsible for the music. Try to raise a voluntary choir which will practise beforehand and help to make the singing as hearty and united as possible. The choir should not be confined to "people with voices," but should include all who come regularly and are anxious to make the services attractive in the best sense. It is far better to concentrate on good hymn singing than to deck out the service with sacred solos. Introduce one "new" hymn, but not more than one at a service, and repeat it several times in the near future until it is known.

The *Student Movement Hymn Book* should be used, as soon as it is published. The Christian Union should own a supply for the benefit of visitors.

Order. 1. Whoever is giving the address should be consulted well in advance about hymns and lessons. Generally a service is more helpful if there is a connection between hymn, lesson, prayer and address. But at the same time avoid monotony.

2. The reader (whoever is taking the service) should be explicit in his directions.

3. The following order has been found to work well. The brackets suggest possible omissions:—

A minute of silence to realize the presence of God.

(Hymn. The subject should be Praise, Invocation, Morning or Evening.)

Short Prayer of Invocation, followed by Confession and Collect or by Lord's Prayer.

Hymn.

Lesson.

(If two Scripture readings are required it is advisable to separate them with a hymn or psalm.)

Address.

Silence.

Prayer.

Hymn.

Intercessions.

Hymn.

Benediction.

If a student is taking the service he or she will probably prefer to read the prayers from a book.

To combine extempore and read prayers is a good

method. This prayer-book contains prayers and litanies which will be suitable. Another good form of intercession is one in which the reader suggests subjects and allows a minute's pause for silent prayer after each bidding. Several of the litanies in this book are arranged in this way. Whoever is taking the service can make up for himself an intercession on these lines. Many find silent prayer and meditation helpful when they get accustomed to it.

It is better to divide the prayers as suggested in the order of service than to have one very long prayer.

Lastly, be punctual in beginning and ending the service.

EDITORIAL NOTE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE first edition of this book, which appeared in 1915, was tentative and experimental. The rapid sale of the edition has encouraged us to prepare a second edition, carefully revised and considerably enlarged. The original edition was largely the work of Malcolm Spencer and the late J. Leslie Johnston, Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, who was killed in action. In particular, the prayers which appear in this edition over the name of Mr. Johnston and the Services in Part I. were their joint work.

In this edition Part I. of the old edition has not been greatly altered except that the number of collects in it has been reduced and several transferred to Part IV.

Part II. has been enlarged from various sources; several of the Litanies and Meditations have been prepared for this book.

Part III. has been added at the request of members of the Movement in Scotland in order that the book may be more representative of different forms of devotion. For reasons of space it has only been possible to include a few of these long prayers. The few that are included will, we hope, be found acceptable in themselves, and at the same time indicate where more prayers of the type may be found.

Part IV. is longer than the similar section in the first edition and more carefully ordered. We have been at pains to discover the original sources of the collects and prayers. In the case of collects from the Book of Common Prayer, we have added in brackets the original source—usually one of the great sacramentaries of the Church. If we have given any wrong references, we should be grateful to those who use the book for corrections so that future editions may be as accurate as possible. The collects and prayers to which no name is attached have been written for this edition. The appendices are also new to this edition. We hope and pray that this book will serve the cause of Christian unity, insomuch as it emphasizes the atoneness of all Christians in the deeper experiences of the soul.

Our indebtedness to other collections is great. Some of the following acknowledgments were made in the preface to the first edition.

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To the Rev. G. C. Binyon for prayers from *Prayers for the City of God* (Longmans).

To Miss Martineau and Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co. for prayers from Dr. Martineau's *Home Prayers.* Also to Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co. for a prayer from Dean Goulburn's *Family Prayers;*

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EDITORIAL NOTE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

Only a few necessary corrections have been made in this edition. We have considered again the question of including a further section of prayers for use at Holy Communion, but have decided not to do so for the present. To make such a section adequate to the needs of the several schools of thought and belief represented in our Movement would add to the cost of the book, and this we are reluctant to do.

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